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CAMERAS NEEDED TO CATCH SPEEDERS

Report by Sue Austin

SPEEDING drivers who are using Oswestry town centre at night 'as a racetrack' could soon find themselves caught on CCTV.

An inner loop of the town is being used by a group of speeding drivers, town councillors have said.

They are calling for more help from the police in dealing with the problem.

At a meeting of Oswestry Town Council's development and planning committee councillors discussed road safety issues in the area.

Several councillors brought up the problem of a minority of drivers going too fast along Willow Street and into Welsh Walls.

Councillor Peter Cherrington said: "They are using a loop of Willow Street, Welsh Walls and Church Street as a racetrack."

Councillor Steve Mason said the council should ask the police to use mobile speed cameras to prosecute the culprits.

Peter Cherrington

However, the meeting heard that before officers would act there was a policy that has to be followed, with Councillor Claire Aspinall saying: "Special speed strips first have to be placed on a road for a certain length of time to monitor the percentage of motorists speeding.

"If the town council wanted to it could arrange for them to be put on the road. The equipment costs £550."

There was a suggestion from Councillor Mike Isherwood that there could be a joint operation with VOSA, the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency.

Councillors agreed to write to West Mercia Police asking for help and also to work alongside the town's own CCTV system.

Councillor Cherrington said: "We should monitor the cameras to see which cars are using this loop.

"It may be that we could position a mobile CCTV camera along the route."

There were also calls for the police to enforce the double yellow lines on Leg Street in the town.

Councillor John Price said: "Vehicles park up outside takeaways in Leg Street and it is obvious they are not simply loading and unloading as they are there for a long time.

"They are causing real traffic problems. If the double yellow lines are not enforced soon then there is going to be a bump or someone is going to get hurt."

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Now cider's gotta lotta bottle for farmer Steve

Steve Younger picking apples in his orchard at St Martins, near Oswestry

WHEN Steve Younger realised he had to diversify to keep his farm in business he turned to his long time hobby – cider making.

From having a couple of apple trees in his garden orchard, he now has hundreds planted in acres of orchards at Wigginton Farm at St Martins near Oswestry.

He and wife, Debbie, produce their own, Hare Moon cider, which has become popular in pubs and other outlets in the area.

It is a big change from the family dairy farm Mr Younger grew up on.

"When my Dad retired it coincided with us selling the dairy herd as we could not carry on with dairy on a small scale – the farm is only 80 acres.

"We went into cattle and recently the market for beef has also suffered. I have always made my own cider at home, just for myself and friends said it was good cider."

About four years ago he began to plant apple trees on his fields with a press and bottling machinery in a converted barn.

"We have planted about 200 new trees a year, cider varieties such as Dabinett, Harry Masters Jersey, Browns, Langworthy and Kingston Black. They are grown on organic land, free of sprays and fertiliser."

He said that the apple harvest that is now looming was very labour intensive: "It is hard work but very enjoyable."

The Hare Moon name is taken from the hares that live in the orchards.

Steve and Debbie Younger with their cider

CHARITY

Pub set to stage benefit night for hurricane victims

A COUPLE who were honeymooning in Cuba when Hurricane Irma ripped through the island are raising funds for those who lost everything in the disaster.

Julian and Russ Raymond-Sandy run the Last Inn at Hengoed, near Oswestry.

They will hold a fundraising night on Friday with an auction, raffle and entertainment. Proceeds raised will go to to by Shelterboxes, a Rotary Club initiative. The Shelterbox contains a tent, blankets, cooking facilities, water purifier and tools and is given out to families in disaster zones.

Russ said: "We are raising money for the Caribbean islands that were affected by the hurricane and would like people to come along and also donate auction items."

Julian said the couple were confined to inside the hotel for 36 hours. But he said for local people Hurricane Irma was life-changing.

"The hotel staff had to stay on site and one man had an 18-month-old baby. He had no supplies or baby milk as the supermarket was shut. They had nothing.

"We went out of the hotel and bought him some baby milk and luxuries which would cost them more than triple of their monthly wage. The aftermath was horrific."

TRANSPORT

Fire chief praises road campaign

SHROPSHIRE'S Fire Service says improvements are desperately needed on the single carriageway section of the A5.

Fire chiefs say it is no coincidence that Oswestry fire station, closest to the trunk road, is the busiest, on-call station in Shropshire. The town's two fire crews are regularly called out to deal with crashes on the route.

Chief Fire Officer, Rod Hammerton welcomed the campaign to dual the A5 north west of Shrewsbury to the Welsh border.

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Vandals strike at historic castle

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Town council is backing campaign to upgrade A5

Report by Sue Austin

OSWESTRY Town Council has put its weight behind a campaign to dual the A5.

The Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star has launched the campaign to have the road dualled as it passes Oswestry.

Oswestry Town Council has agreed to write to roads minister John Hayes calling for the stretch of road to be included in the Government's Road Investment Strategy as part of its decision to back the Dual It campaign.

There was praise for the Star for spearheading the move for desperately needed improvements for the trunk road.

One of the major bottlenecks is the Oswestry bypass which regularly sees nose-to-tail traffic crawling from the Mile End roundabout to the Chirk bypass and beyond.

Councillor Claire Aspinall said she attended the public meeting in March when Mr Hayes came to the county to see the problems for himself.

"Dualling the stretch of the A5 is desperately needed," she said.

"There are of course the safety issues but we should also consider the economic benefits to dualling the road. Having a better road infrastructure would encourage more businesses to come to Oswestry."

Councillor Peter Cherrington said that the Oswestry bypass should have been a dual carriageway when it was first built.

He said: "There are 10 million cars a year using the Mile End Roundabout at Oswestry. Surely that warrants improvements."

Former mayor, Councillor Paul Milner, said: "I would like to congratulate the Shropshire Star for launching this campaign. I would encourage everyone to sign the petition and get behind the Star. A dual carriageway would benefit everyone."

The town council is to ask Shropshire Council to also officially back the campaign.

Supporters can go online to sign at https://www.change.org/p/roads-minister-john-hayes-make-the-a5-a-dual-carriage-way-between-shrewsbury-and-chirk.

Paintings donated as a special thank-you

Phil Davies, Jane Quinn and Caroline Pemberton with the paintings donated to the Montgomery Unit

TWO oil paintings belonging to a former patient and his wife have been donated to a unit at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Nigel Quinn was cared for at the hospital last year, after being admitted onto the Montgomery Unit for a kidney condition in December.

However Nigel's illness was terminal and he later died. While in hospital Nigel and his wife Jane had agreed to donate to oil paintings to the unit as a thank-you for the care he received from the staff. Jane said: "I'd spoken to Nigel about donating the paintings to the unit before he passed away; he wanted them to go a good home. Whilst visiting Montgomery we both noticed all the artwork that is in the unit and it really does give a talking point for patients and visitors.

"Nigel was terrified of hospitals, and the thought of him having to go into one was what scared him the most, however the staff were amazing, they really eased his nerves.

"We didn't spend an awful lot of time on Montgomery Unit, however every single time the staff were absolutely incredible, we couldn't fault them. This is just our small way of saying thank you to everyone that really helped us through a difficult time."

The paintings were accepted by clinical nurse specialist Caroline Pemberton and head of estates and facilities Phil Davies.

Caroline said: "The paintings are a lovely gesture from Jane and Nigel; they will make a lovely addition to the unit."

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Priorities for future are outlined by council

TOWN council offices, the one-way system and a footbridge are on the top priorities for Welshpool Town Council over the next five years.

The council has released its latest town plan for 2017 to 2022. Among the level one priorities is the upcoming referendum on health services, the charter renewal, town hall wiring, and the on-going debate on parking permits.

The health referendum will be held on October 26, giving residents a chance to say where they wants services to be provided in Shropshire.

The market hall and town council offices are also on the agenda. Car parking issues are a major priority along with the motte and bailey, and the courtroom. Under level two priorities the council will look to address the controversial one-way system. The one-way system has come in for heavy criticism since its introduction.

Improvements have been called for but recent Welsh government plans were described as having been "drawn up on the back of a fag packet" by Welshpool County Councillor Graham Breeze. The CCTV renewal system with the police is to be dealt with, along with the bus station, and a footbridge from Salop Road to Little Henfaes Drive. The council is also pledging to look at safer cycle routes and electric car charging points and wildlife improvements.

Session will look at housing plans

AFFORDABLE homes could be built in the centre of Oswestry.

STAR housing, which manages council houses, has plans for more housing on land off Fir Grove.

The organisation will hold a drop-in event to give an outline of what is proposed at North Shropshire College in Oswestry on Tuesday next week between 3pm and 6pm.

Make local health centre NHS lynchpin, urges MP

By Sue Austin

OSWESTRY'S Primary Care Centre should be the lynchpin of the area's NHS of the future, an MP has said.

A report this week revealed that the town's minor injuries unit, based in the centre on Gobowen Road, has closed seven times this year because of staff shortages.

Mr Paterson, who chairs the monthly Health 4 Oswestry meetings, says the building should be a hive of activity, allowing people to be treated closer to home rather than in hospital in either Shrewsbury or Telford.

Health bosses are undertaking a major review of minor injury units, community beds and DAART, specialist diagnostic and assessment care, across the county.

Consultation with the public will begin within weeks. Oswestry's minor injuries unit and DAART are housed in the primary care centre, officially opened in 2011 after a £9 million scheme to transform historic, railway engineering buildings.

Vital

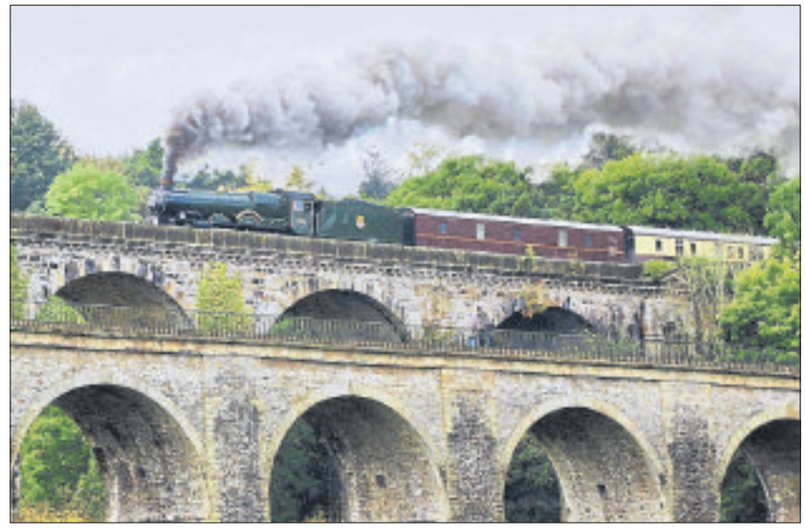
Facilities also include x-ray, audiology, podiatry, community and mental health services, speech and language therapy and other clinics.

Mr Paterson said that community facilities such as those in the primary care centre were a vital part of the Future Fit discussion looking at the future of NHS services across Shropshire.

"This building should be the lynchpin of our community health care," he said. "The more services we can offer within the primary care centre the less trips outpatients will have to make to Shrewsbury or Telford hospitals. I want to see more people being treated in the Oswestry centre – it should be a busy thriving place. If more people used the minor injuries unit in Oswestry there would be less pressure on the A&E department in Shrewsbury."

Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group said no decisions had been made over future provision.

Photo captures a time in history



The Shropshire Express steam train crosses the Chirk Viaduct near Oswestry. Photo: Alan Roberts.

THIS photograph could have been taken more than a century ago – a magnificent steam train crossing the equally brilliant Chirk Viaduct near Oswestry.

In fact it was taken recently when The Shropshire Express vintage train excursion ran from Wolverhampton to Crewe.

Alan Roberts, a recently retired coal merchant from Chirk, discovered that the train, number 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' was going to be travelling through his home town and stopping briefly for a photo opportunity.

He said: "I thought that capturing the train going over the viaduct would be the best shot as that was why the viaduct was built. I walked down, with my wife, to the banks of the River Ceiriog and sat and waited.

"I am really pleased with the photo. I had hoped that I would be able to get a canal boat crossing the aqueduct at the same time but unfortunately it was off the bridge before the train arrived."

Mr Roberts said that since retiring he had been able to spend more time taken photographs.

He said: "I treated myself to a new camera and this was its first outing in this country– I am pleased with the results." The Chirk viaduct was built by Henry Robertson for the Shrewsbury and Chester Railway between 1846-8.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Garden club set to meet up again

TREFONEN Garden Club will be welcoming John Millington from Hillview Hardy Plants at its meeting on Thursday next week.

As usual this will take place in the village hall starting at 7.30pm.

Mr Millington will be explaining "How to make more of your plants" by the process of propagation. A spokesman said: "We understand that this is a practical demonstration and that John will be very willing to answer your specific questions on propagation. So bring your problems/queries along and ask the expert."

The entrance fee for members is £2 and £3 for visitors.

Runner Johnny raises over £900

AN Oswestry man has raised over £900 for charity from his first half marathon run.

Jonny Drury, 23, took on the Lake Vrynwy Half Marathon in a time of two hours and 17 minutes.

The money was raised through donations and a quiz night, with a total of £927 raised in total.

The challenge was in aid of Jonny's auntie, Karen Pierpoint who sadly lost her battle with cancer in 2015.

Foundation to hold fundraiser

MORETON Hall Foundation is holding a dinner and auction in its community theatre on November 3.

There are a host of prizes on offer in the auction, including bottles of 1963 Fonseca Port, tennis lessons, lunch with editor-in-chief of The Economist, Zanny Minton-Beddoes and a box at the Royal Albert Hall for Cirque Du Soleil and lots more.

Tickets for the event are £75 per person or £700 for a table of 10.

Table top sale planned

WELSHPOOL Town Council is organising a community table top sale on Saturday in the Corn Exchange of the town hall.

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Anthony Rosser

'Tourism tax' given a cold welcome

GOVERNMENT plans to introduce a "tourism tax" in Wales have been criticised by hospitality and political leaders.

The measure was announced as part of the Welsh Labour Government's draft budget. It would mean people holidaying in Wales would be forced to pay the levy which would be added to their hotel bill.

Anthony Rosser, chair of the British Hospitality Association in Wales and manager of the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel near Oswestry, said: "It would be an utterly retrograde move.

"We already have very real worries over the recent cauldron of costs that have boiled over in the last 18 months, including increases in business rates, wage increases, rising inflation and food and energy hikes.

"Increasing costs like this will, of course, be handing an unfair advantage to our competitors in England."

Assembly Member for Montgomeryshire, Russell George said: "This tax on tourists could devastate Powys, discouraging people from visiting Mid Wales and making the average family holiday much more expensive."

Innovative methods needed to make drivers cut speed

By Sue Austin

TWENTY mile an hour zones are not working in Oswestry because they have not been accompanied by a wider look at traffic engineering in the town, one those behind the 20s Plenty campaign says.

Saffron Rainey, who lives on one of the streets which has a 20mph limit, says very few drivers stick to the speed limit.

Mr Rainey, from Upper Brook Street, is calling on Oswestry Town Council to lead the way in finding innovative methods to encourage motorists to cut their speed rather than threatening fines. Earlier this month a county wide conference was held in Shrewsbury to press for a default 20mph limit in residential areas across the county.

Some town councillors this week defended their absence from the conference saying that the council had twice given its backing to the 20s Plenty campaign.

Mr Rainey, a former town councillor, said: "I would like to see the town council more proactive in looking at ways to encourage drivers to slow down, other than with a 20mph sign on a pole."

"Drivers will see a sign and may be when it is first put up will slow down. But gradually their speed creeps up again. There are already 20mph zones in Upper Brook Street and outside the Marches, Woodside and Holy Trinity Schools.

"But certainly in Upper Brook Street very few drivers keep below 20 and I would guess that if we stood outside with a speed gun many would be going over 30mph."

"What we need to do is find ways of making the roads such that the consequence of their design is that drivers will go at 20 miles an hour, not force them to do so on a road that is designed for faster speeds."

Pay machines given an update

TICKET machines in Powys County Council car parks will no longer accept the old £1 coins.

The council has started to update its 55 pay and display machines with the old £1 coin being withdrawn from circulation.

The old £1 coin is being withdrawn as legal tender by the Bank of England from midnight on Sunday.

Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick, cabinet member for highways, said: "The old £1 coin will be losing its legal tender and will be withdrawn from circulation shortly so our parking officers will be updating our ticket machines so they won't accept these coins.

"By the end of the week, we will have updated all the ticket machines so it is important that those who use our pay and display car parks have the right change."

Fundraiser at halfway mark

Orthopaedic hospital and Horatio's Garden representatives attended the launch

FUNDRAISING for a hospital garden which will offer sanctuary for patients with spinal injuries has passed £350,000.

Charity Horatio's Garden is planning to create an outdoor area at the spinal injury centre at the orthopaedic hospital near Oswestry. Well-known landscaper and writer, Bunny Guinness, who is designing the garden, attended the official launch of the appeal at Brynkinalt in Chirk.

She said: "Horatio's Gardens really are a breath of fresh air as they provide all the benefits of a garden to people who really appreciate them. For the patients, it may well be their first venture in to the outside world again. For their friends, families and staff, the gardens provide a softer more personable space away from the ward."

The reception was attended by 180 people and was sponsored by Kronospan, Knights 1759 and Tanners Wine Merchants. Hospital chief executive, Mark Brandreth, told the guests they are already halfway through the fundraising target of £700,000 – which includes a generous donation from the hospital's League of Friends group.

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Calls are made for town car park traffic to be re-routed

Report by Sue Austin

HUNDREDS of thousands of cars a year are routed through residential streets from Oswestry's main car park, forcing householders to keep windows shut, a meeting has heard.

A residents' association is calling for the exit from Central Car Park to be re-routed away from the housing, saying its pleas over several years have fallen on deaf ears. Peter Lloyd from the Trinity Street group spoke to a meeting of Oswestry Town Council on Wednesday last week.

Councillors were discussing their priorities for road safety changes they want to see.

Motorists enter the town's biggest car park via Salop Road, one of the main routes into the town. The exit is onto the junction of Roft Street, Ferrers Road and Smithfield Street.

Mr Lloyd said that about a third of drivers took the Smithfield Street route into the town centre, the rest opting to drive past houses on Roft Street, Ferrers Road and Stewart Road.

He said last year 566,572 tickets were bought for the car park.

"Residents are suffering the environmental cost of two thirds of that traffic," he said.

"They have to keep their windows shut throughout the summer because of the noise and the fumes."

He said residents had been complaining for many years.

He said: "In 2004 a report looking at the traffic flow of Oswestry was commissioned but very little has been acted upon. In 2011 the residents prepared a three-page report calling for a change to the exit and entry route but we have not seen any changes.

"Residents who live in the centre of the town care about Oswestry. We believe the car park is part of the problem of falling visitors to the town centre and we would like to know how we can help. We are part of the heart of the town and have an important part to play."

Mr Lloyd said residents also supported Oswestry traders who wanted to see a change in the way car park charges were made.

Town councillors agreed to look into the issue.

Rates help is available for retailers

FINANCIAL help for high street businesses in Powys that receive small business rates relief or have seen their rates increase because of UK legislation is still available from the county council.

Powys County Council is using money provided by the Welsh Government to help limit rises in business rates for high street retailers in 2017/18 as a result of England and Wales-wide revaluations.

So far 400 retailers across Powys have received relief money.

Councillor Aled Davies, deputy leader of the council and portfolio holder for finance, said: "There are two levels of relief available. Support of up to £500 is available for businesses with a rateable value of between £6,001 and £12,000 and who are in receipt of small business rates relief while support of up to £1,500 is available for high street businesses with rateable values between £12,001 and £50,000 that have seen an increase in their liability from April 1 2017."

Councillor Davies added that the relief is aimed at "high street" retail businesses, which would include shops, restaurants, cafes and drinking establishments situated within town and village centres.

There are some limitations on the funding available.

Join in with the Zombie Walk

Zombies Jacob Cooksley, Hannah Walker, Shannon Evans, Isobel Alefounder and Nia Lewis-Reece get ready for the walk around Oswestry

HUNDREDS of zombies are set to crawl and stagger their way through Oswestry town centre on October 31.

Organised by Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club, people of all ages are invited to take part in this year's Zombie Walk.

There will be a pumpkin carving competition and prizes for the best Halloween and zombie costumes.

The event is free but rotary donations are welcomed.

Zombies will be seen crawling and staggering along Church Street with Festival Square being the town's focal point for those of all ages dressed in Halloween costume and for the towns Zombies.

Mike Lade from Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club said: "This is a free event for the town but donations to Oswestry Cambrian Rotary will be appreciated on the night. We hope this will be an annual fun event for the town.

"More information on Shropshire's first Zombie Walk will be found on the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary web site at www.oswestrycambrianrc.co.uk and on the posters that will be appearing around the town in the next few weeks.

"The Oswestry Cambrian club is ready to welcome men and women of 18+ from all the local community who have a desire to help others and to have fun doing it."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

I thought it was April Fool's Day when I read an article claiming the vile Daily Mail columnist Katie Hopkins will be appearing in Welsh schools to talk to kids about Brexit and President Trump – but it seems it's true. How can that be allowed to happen?

She is taking part in a series of events called the "Stand Strong School Tour", which begins in November. But if any of those schools turn out to be in Powys I'll be campaigning long and hard to keep the acid-tongued and self-promoting Hopkins out of town.

She recently lost her job as a presenter on LBC Radio after making controversial comments about the Manchester Arena bombing and now plans to visit schools to deliver question and answer sessions to 11 to 16-year-olds on a list of controversial subjects including Trump and the Black Lives Matter movement. Is she the kind of person you want your child to be listening to?

A leaflet she shared on Twitter describes it as: "an opportunity to look at the information we are fed, to challenge the views we hold and to understand opinions are never right or wrong. If your friends want you to change your opinions, change your friends."

I'm not the only one concerned as the National Union of Teachers has voiced opposition to the tour too. Yes, our children need to be challenged and understand world events, but they certainly do not need to be exposed to the often outrageous opinions of Ms Hopkins.

Sorry Katie there will be no welcome in the hillside for you.

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You have to admire Jane Dodds. She certainly has some pluck. Twice she failed miserably to oust Glyn Davies as Montgomeryshire's MP and she also got nowhere near to winning a seat on Welsh Government when opposing Russell George – but now she wants to go one better.

She's now announced she wants to become Leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats Party and stands a 50/50 chance of hitting the political jackpot as she is opposed by just one other member – Liz Evans from Ceredigion.

The leadership will become vacant because current leader Kirsty Williams is also Welsh Government Secretary of Education and Liberal top man Vince Cable says the two roles are incompatible. Her destiny will be decided by the end of October. Good luck Jane, Wales loves a trier.

Soldiers in the trenches saw terrible scenes

Harry Patch pictured during his service for his country

Harry Patch met the Queen when he was 103

Quiet war hero Harry was haunted to the end

MARK ANDREWS looks back at the life of Harry Patch who became the oldest surviving Tommy

HARRY Patch recalled the guilt he felt as his battalion advanced from Pilckem Ridge, near Ypres, in the summer rain of 1917. The sodden ground was covered with blood, his wounded comrades were crying for help.

"But we weren't like the Good Samaritan in the Bible," said the soldier, who lived in Shropshire after returning from the war. "We were the robbers who passed them by and left."

It was 100 years last month that the war ended for Harry Patch, the unassuming plumber who went on to become the last living veteran of the First World War. The memory of his last moments fighting in the Battle of Passchendaele stayed with him for his life, but there were some things he felt just too traumatised to talk about.

It was not until the age of 111, just days before his death, that he finally felt able to share the torment which had haunted him for almost nine decades.

His biographer, Richard van Emden recalls how he suddenly became very morose, and asked: "Have you ever had to handle a man who didn't have a head?"

He then told the writer how, following the assault on Langemarck, near Ypres, during the infamous campaign of 1917, he given the task of clearing the trenches he and his comrades had captured.

Harry Patch lived until 111 and stayed in Shropshire after the war

"They were full of mangled bodies," says van Emden.

"The memories were just too vivid. Only in his final days did he tell me of the cause of his worst nightmares, clearing headless corpses in the trenches.

"Harry said that lifting out bodies with no heads had been the most horrific thing he encountered. Telling me that for the first time, he had become so morose and had gone into such a dark place, that I did not press him further."

Harry, the son of stonemason William Patch, was born in Combe Down, near Bath, but settled in Shropshire after bumping into his future wife Ada Billington – literally.

Convalescing from the wounds he had sustained on the fields of Flanders, he spent time in various hospitals around the country. One day, when running for a bus in Sutton Coldfield, he crashed into Ada who was walking down the steps out of a cinema, knocking her to the ground. He apologised immediately, took her back to her home in Hadley, and returned the next night for a date. They were married at the village's Holy Trinity Church in 1919, and remained together until her death in 1976.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Church Stretton, and after refusing to go back to his job in Somerset after his foreman insisted he completed his two-year apprenticeship, he took up a job on a housing project in Gobowen.

He took Shropshire to his heart, and at the age of 110 he was presented with a painting of the Wrekin, having long expressed his desire to reach the top of it one day. Harry never forgot the three men who perished just feet from him during his last day in battle, on September 22, 1917.

At 10.30pm, his five-man Lewis gun team was walking across open ground when a shell exploded above their heads. The three men who were carrying the ammo supply were blown to pieces instantly; Harry was hit in the groin by shrapnel and thrown to the ground. He managed to get to the dressing station, where he realised that, although painful, his wound was not life threatening. The evening after the explosion, a doctor told him that he could remove a two-inch piece of shrapnel, half an inch across with a jagged edge, but that the operation would have to be carried out without anaesthetic. Harry briefly considered his options, before agreeing to the procedure, although he had to be held down by four men as the metal was removed using tweezers.

In his last years, he would be an outspoken critic of war, dismissing the First World War as "nothing but a family row." He died on July 25, 2009, just 38 days after his 111th birthday. More than 1,000 people attended his funeral at Wells Cathedral, which was broadcast on television and radio.

Harry observed the irony that the war was ended by men sat around a table, not in the battlefield.

"No war is worth it," he said. "No war is worth the loss of a couple of lives let alone thousands."

Harry said the one thing he was grateful for was that he never actually killed another man, although there were exceptions he would have been happy to make: "I would have taken the Kaiser, his son, Hitler and the people on his side and bloody shot them.

"Out the way and saved millions of lives. T'isn't worth it."

WORKING FOR YOU

By Glyn Davies MP

I'VE been closely involved in the discussion about structural reform of the major hospitals serving Shropshire and Mid Wales for 20 years.

While it would have been best to build a new hospital on a green field site to replace the two hospitals currently located at Telford and Shrewsbury, it too costly – about £600 million.

The only way practical forward is to merge the Royal Shrewsbury and the Princess Royal – one hospital, but on two sites.

The two Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) serving Shropshire, who decide on future structure, agreed this years ago and set up the Future Fit Programme Board to consider the matter in detail.

After investing more than three years and £2 million, it finally agreed (after much angst) to recommend that Emergency Care Services should be located at Shrewsbury, and Planned Care should be located at Telford.

In the end, it was a unanimous recommendation by both CCGs. The public meeting where it was decided was noisy and angry. This 'preferred option' includes the transfer of the most serious cases of maternity trauma from Telford to Shrewsbury as well.

For this 'preferred option' to proceed, the UK Government (NHS England) has to agree the capital works – costing about £200 million. There also has to be a public consultation, the details of which we don't yet know. We expect it will be 14 weeks, beginning in November. Also, we don't know how many options will be put before the public. It will probably be two, but could be three. The key factor is that there will be a 'preferred option'– which is that Emergency Care should be located at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. This is hugely important to Mid Wales.

It would be easy to think that since there is now a 'preferred option', the debate is over. This would be a serious mistake. It's vital that the people of Mid Wales respond to the public consultation by making their opinions known. Reform of the secondary care system which serves Shropshire and much of Mid Wales, has been the most dominating issue throughout my years as an Assembly Member and Member of Parliament.

We need to make sure that there is no complacency. The new Emergency Care Centre must be built at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

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Behaviour: The respondent has behaved in such a way that the petitioner cannot reasonably be expected to live with the respondent. Particulars of unreasonable behaviour are, however, often subjective and the Court can take different personalities into account.

Desertion: The respondent has deserted the petitioner for a period of at least 2 years immediately before the petition is presented. Desertion is rarely used as a reliable fact because it is so technical and other facts can usually be cited when the parties are living separately.

Two years separation and consent: The parties have lived apart for a continuous 2 year period immediately before the petition is presented and the respondent consents to the divorce being granted. This is often the most amicable divorce although the delay can adversely affect such as financial matters.

Five years separation: The parties have lived separately and apart for a continuous minimum five year period immediately prior to presentation of the petition. The consent of the respondent is not required for this.

You may have grounds to divorce your husband for his unreasonable behaviour. You should seek legal advice asap.

Further information relating to this question is available from Gwyn Edwards, a Solicitor with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit www.ghplegal.com or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. We offer free legal diagnostic clinics (no appointment necessary). In Oswestry, Wednesdays 12noon-3pm for Personal Injury, Employment & Family matters. In Wrexham, Mondays 9.30am-12noon for Employment matters, 12noon – 3pm for Personal Injury & Family matters. GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.

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Support efforts to take our country back

THIS once most powerful nation on the planet is now reduced effectively to begging the EU to forgive us and to release us from their grasping clutches.

Theresa May with her ministers now has to undo all the damage created by her predecessors in office.

These are those prime ministers and MPs who, without it would seem, reading them, signed up to all those treaties so constricting in their content and so complicated to get out of. All political party members have been given the opportunity, both before clause 50 and since to comment, but some prefer to spit out their dummies or throw their teddies out of the pram, anything but to be of any constructive use.

As I once commented a "Churchillian" figurehead would never stand for all these delaying tactics. Let me be clear, there is nothing wrong with the European people as near neighbours, there is too much wrong though with the European Union and it is causing us severe hardships here in the United Kingdom because of the cost to us.

What has happened to patriotism, why is not everyone behind Brexit? It seems we were unable at the time to prevent our country from being dragged into the mess it is in. The least we can now do is support the efforts to get our country back.

PETER HARMAN
Tibberton

Nursing staff under spotlight at recovery unit

We're going back 20 years, to 1997, with this picture taken at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital near Oswestry. Staff at the theatre recovery unit had won a Charter Mark award for the excellence of their service to the public. Here are staff Deb Treasure, Lyn Barker, Maud-Anne Redford, Olive Power, Bethan Williams and Alex Radford.

County should look to get back on track with its railways

SHROPSHIRE is a county that lost many of its railways and stations under the Beeching cuts.

It is time that, as in other areas, an attempt is made to redress some of this.

Shropshire's population is increasing, particularly in the east of the county.

Thought should also be given to how this area and Mid Wales could benefit from HS2 if it is built.

One closed line that could be revived is that between Wellington and Stafford.

This could reconnect the fast-growing town of Newport and serve the suburban area of Telford out to Donnington.

Moreover, part of it has been reinstated to serve the freight interchange.

Some thought should also be given to a future use for the mothballed railway to the defunct Ironbridge power station.

The historical sensitivity of the gorge and its popularity with tourists creates a lot of challenges for future traffic management.

The line, run as some form of light rail, could also serve other communities along its route from Madeley junction.

If the rail corridor falls into decay it might be an opportunity lost.

Finally, Shropshire should follow other counties in identifying possible locations for parkway stations on existing lines to help reduce the growth of commuter traffic along its busy roads.

Well constructed and costed plans can attract government funds, especially when local politicians support them.

MIKE CRUMP,
Wolverhampton

Unwritten rules of M-way code for learner drivers

HOPEFULLY learner drivers will be fully up to speed with the unwritten rules of the motorway when they venture onto them with their driving instructor.

1. Always maintain a steady speed in the centre lane of a three lane motorway, especially when no other traffic is around.
2. On entering the motorway via the slip lane do not adjust your speed to blend in smoothly with other traffic. Keep going at what ever speed you fancy and wait for others to take violent avoiding action.
3. Drive close enough to the car in front so you can count the heated rear windscreen lines.
4. To ensure correct use of the hard shoulder, drop the window on your passenger side to throw rubbish out.
5. Always expect those who do the most driving, van driver, coach driver, lorry drivers, to show the most professional of driving habits.
6. Use your rear view mirror constantly to ensure your hair is looking lovely.

PETER STEGGLES
Longnor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

He knows where we are all going

THE satnav is a wonderful invention, a great help in finding your way to somewhere you haven't been before.

The trouble is, it has been known to lead some people up a creek. It's true of life that lots of people don't really know where their lives are heading, searching for a place of happiness and love but sadly, never finding it. Jesus said 'I am the way'.

He knows exactly where you are and He longs for you to find true happiness, peace and love.

RON JONES
Oswestry

Council should leave flower show where it is now

I AM both appalled and incensed by the suggestion that Shrewsbury Flower Show should be removed from The Quarry.

The flower show has been held in Shrewsbury longer than anyone has lived in the town.

That the complaints of a small handful of people should spoil the pleasure of countless thousands who attend the show every year is again the case of a small minority dictating to the vast majority.

Or has the council got a hidden agenda here?

The fun of going to Beck's fields to watch the fireworks was removed because of one tragic accident which I also remember.

Is the council going to remove the show because half a dozen people don't like the noise?

Tell them to do as the Londoners were told during the Olympics, leave town.

I am Shrewsbury born and bred and I say leave our flower show alone.

MRS G STANLEY
Holyhead

Platforms could be the solution

I REALLY cannot understand the promise of the new train operating company of the Shrewsbury to Birmingham train service to provide all day trains every half hour by the end of next year.

This service is only overcrowded at peak times and therefore I suggest a better option is yes, to provide a half hour train service at peak times but increase train and station platform lengths also in order to resolve this acute problem. Services during the day could be hourly.

My son worked on the Edinburgh to Glasgow route to improve and resolve a similar problem of overcrowded trains at peak times and this was overcome simply by increasing train and station platform lengths. There is tons of room to extend platforms at Telford, Shifnal, Cosford, Albrighton, Codsall and Birches Bridge so why not lengthen trains during peak times to run every half hour and shorten trains to run every hour during the day?

PETER HASSALL
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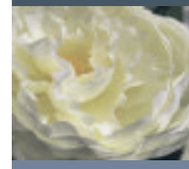

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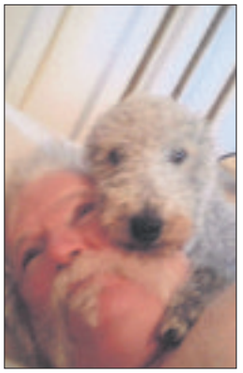
Maui the giant lop rabbit


Sabine von Ehr's pet Polly

Murphy helping with the gardening

Billy, the toy poodle, with Xabi

Vicky Turnbull's beloved dog Meg

Collie Charlie jumping to catch pebbles

Adorable pets in contest spotlight

Miniature dachshund puppies Mouse and Lottie

German Shepherd Alfie is eight-months-old

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Among those who have sent in photos is Kimberly Jones who sent us a selfie with her best friend Samson, a four-year-old pedigree black Labrador.

Vicky Turnbull sent us a picture of her furry best friend Meg, a 13 year old Springador who is "young at heart".

Hannah Holmes from Oswestry sent in a picture of miniature dachshund puppies Mouse and Lottie, who are best friends as well as sisters and full of mischief.

Alexis King from Welshpool sent in a photo of Roxy the champagne coloured Staffy, "she thinks she's human as she eats what we eat".

"She talks to us by howling, especially if we ask her does she wants to go walking."

Di Grenyer sent in a photo of Alfie, her eight-month-old German Shepherd.

Janis Gill from Llangynog sent in a photo of Billy, the poodle, who is 13 years old, with Xabi, her 10-year-old grandson.

Tyler Marsh has also entered a photo of Murphy helping with the gardening.

Sabine von Ehr from Oswestry has sent in a photo of Polly, her Bedlington Terrier who she says adores people.

We've also had pictures from Donna Johns from Llandrindod Wells with Maui (from the Disney film Moana), a giant lop rabbit, and Emma Randell, with collie Charlie jumping to catch pebbles on Penllech Beach in Wales.

Kimberly Jones with her best friend Samson

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Damage caused and grass ripped up by yobs

A bollard was ripped out by the yobs at Whittington

Drivers performed 'doughnuts' at the historic site

The historic castle is normally a picturesque sight

Vandals at castle

VANDALS have ripped out a bollard and left tyre marks all over the grounds surrounding a village castle.

Bosses at Whittington Castle attempted to address problems of drivers taking to their grounds to perform 'doughnuts' on the grass, which was leaving substantial damage.

However a bollard to protect the area was ripped down and more damage was caused.

The incident has been reported to the police, and Sue Ellis from the castle is disappointed that people have chosen to damage the community run area.

She said: "We had a problem with people

Report by Jonny Drury

going onto the green and effectively doing doughnuts and cutting up the grass.

"We put a bollard up there to stop up, and the problem seemed to have stopped for a few months.

"But it was ripped out and it seemed to start again.

"There has been damage caused and we have reported it to the police.

"There is no cost to the damage on the grass as it will all grow back, but it is disappointing because it is a community run castle.

"It is our 10th anniversary this year and it isn't what we wanted to happen.

"We don't usually get criminal damage at the castle, we have the odd bench damaged but that is about it."

The castle is the only one in England which is community run.

Shropshire Councillor for Whittington Steve Charmley said it wasn't a problem the community usually had, but if levels rose there would have to be something done. He added: "I know there are youngsters who park up there at night, and this incident is not the sort of thing you want to see in a quiet village.

"The level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Whittington is very low, we just sometimes have young people who want to blow off a bit of steam. But if other incidents do occur there will need to be something to prevent it."

Grass in the castle grounds has been damaged

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drink driver gets banned from road

A MAN has been disqualified after driving when over the drink-drive limit.

Andrew Thomas Bumford, 54, of Llandyssil, Montgomery, admitted the charge at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday last week.

Prosecutor Helen Tench told the court that police followed the Fiat Panda being driven by Bumford on the A483 on September 18.

He was stopped by Pc Wilkinson.

The officer could smell alcohol and took a breath test, which was positive and read 88 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

The limit is 35.

Robert Hanratty, defending, said his client was co-operative with police and gave an early guilty plea.

He added Bumford was the carer for his dependent parents.

Bumford was fined £250, ordered to pay £85 costs and a £30 victim surcharge.

He was also disqualified from driving for 17 months.

Town clerk David in running for prize

OSWESTRY Town Clerk David Preston could be named the best in Britain.

Mr Preston is one of four nominated in the National Association of Local Council's 2017 awards.

Mr Preston has been clerk to the council for more than three decades. Others in the running are Shar Roselman from Newport Pagnell, Sylvia Dobie from Gillingham and Mark Williams of Falmouth. The winner will be named at the end of the month.

Mr Preston said he was honoured to be shortlisted.

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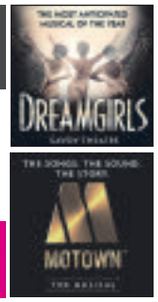

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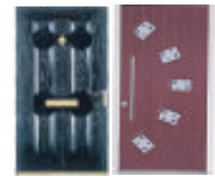

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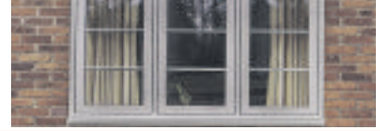

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Motorists can brush up skills

MATURE drivers in Powys are being given the opportunity to brush up on their road knowledge thanks to informal workshops organised by the county council.

Powys County Council's road safety unit is holding a series of driver theory refresher workshops.

Workshops will take place in Welshpool on November 14 and a further workshop will take place in the town on January 16.

Aimed at drivers in the county aged 65 years and over, the two-hour and classroom-based informal workshop will provide attendees a refresh of the Highway Code and driver licence requirements.

Language charter promotes Welsh

POWYS County Council has launched a Welsh language charter for Welsh-medium primary schools and streams in the county.

The aim of the charter is to give pupils more opportunities to use the language socially, to increase their use of the language outside the classroom.

The charter will encourage and recognise those schools who succeed in creating a positive attitude towards the language and increase the use of Welsh by pupils.

Schools will work towards bronze, silver and gold awards, which they will achieve depending on the opportunities they provide for pupils to use Welsh in formal and informal situations.

At the launch, information was shared about Welsh language opportunities provided by organisations.

Canal's history in focus in exhibition at museum

Report by Jonny Drury

A COLLECTION of photographs of the Montgomery Canal are on display at Welshpool's Powysland Museum during October as part of a special exhibition organised by the Canal and River Trust charity.

The organisation, which cares for 2,000 miles of canals, has collected together a unique record of the rural waterway, as seen through the eyes of several generations of waterway-lovers.

The touring exhibition has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the ongoing Montgomery Canal restoration project.

Sylvia Edwards, Montgomery Canal community development officer with the Canal and River Trust, said: "This exhibition combines photographs discovered in a variety of archives and through a number of community workshops.

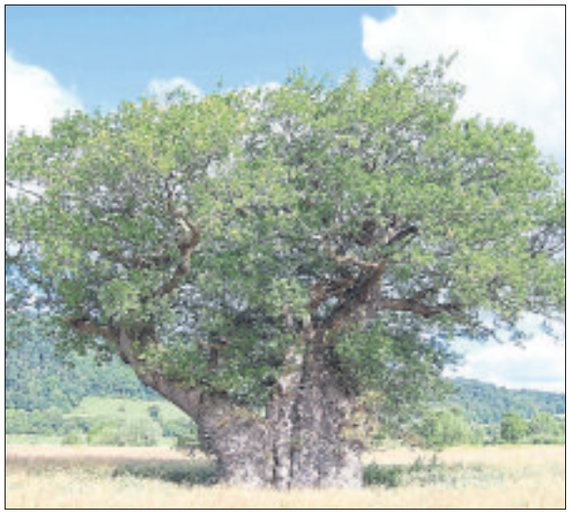
"Subjects range from the 'Big Dig' in Welshpool in 1969 to wildlife and boating.

"For many people, it will be a trip down memory lane and a reminder of enjoyable times and restoration achievements so far."

The Montgomery Canal exhibition at the Powysland Museum, next to the canal in Welshpool, will run until October 3.

The opening times are between 11am and 1pm and 2pm to 5pm on weekdays, and Saturday from 11am and 2pm.

Plea is made for protection of trees



The ancient oak has stood at Buttington, near Welshpool, for 900 years

A "TREE hunter" is calling for more to be done to protect trees after an ancient oak split in two.

The tree is believed to have stood on Offa's Dyke in Buttington, near Welshpool, for the last 900 years. But earlier this year, it was partially toppled by strong winds.

Rob McBride from Ellesmere said it was the third ancient tree in Wales to fall and collapse in recent years and believes more should now be done to save them and more from being damaged in the same way

"Something must be done now to protect these culturally significant heritage trees before we lose any more," he said.

"Simple, low-cost solutions could have been found for all of these important fallen giants. Pollarded trees are ones that man has cut and worked for many hundreds of years.

"They are not if you like, natural trees, so we have a continued duty to work on these for their lasting protection.

"This recent sad event now makes this the third, truly ancient oak tree in Wales to fall in recent years."

Aggressive drunk man shouted at the police

AN alcoholic became aggressive with police officers and accused them of stealing his whisky after he was found under a bench, a court has heard.

Paul Ferguson, 60, was discovered on September 14, by officers near the canal in Welshpool. He had to be pushed back by officers and taken to the ground before being arrested.

At Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday last week, Ferguson, of Llanerfyl, admitted a drunk and disorderly charge.

Prosecutor Helen Tench told magistrates Sergeant Lovett and PC Cross were on patrol at 9pm in the Severn Street area near the canal, when they saw a man under the tree.

He was identified as Ferguson, and had been drinking, slurred his words, and when asked what his name was, he responded "nobody."

Officers went back to the car to consider options, when Ferguson shouted out about a bag.

He then accused officers of stealing the bag, that contained a bottle of whisky. He said to one officer, "arrest me or I will kick off."

He was told to stop being aggressive and then came close to PC Cross before lunging at him.

PC Cross pushed him back and then took him to the ground, and Ferguson was still trying to kick the officer.

Ferguson, representing himself, apologised for his behaviour, and admitted he was an alcoholic.

Magistrates handed Ferguson a conditional discharge for six months, and was made to pay £85 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

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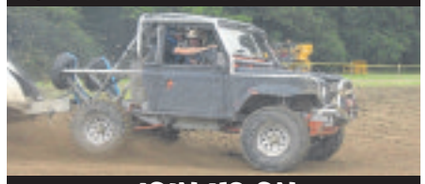
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Double celebration at Adams'

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Welcoming boarders and their parents to the new boarding house, head of senior boarding Colette Lonergan said: "The move to Beaumaris Hall has been an exciting yet challenging project but thanks to the co-operation and teamwork of everyone involved, I think we've pulled it off. The hardest part has been keeping the interior design a surprise for the boys but if words like 'mind-blowing', 'awesome', and 'blown away' are anything to go by, I think it's fair to say the boarders love it.

Boarding Captain Seb Lowe said: "It's unbelievable and exceeds all expectations. It's so lovely and colourful – we couldn't wish for better facilities. We all feel extremely lucky. It will make the transition to university so much easier. "

The American Diner themed kitchen has proved to be a real hit with the students with Year 11 boarder Joe Sullivan adding: "I love the kitchen and the way everything has been done. The school has breathed fresh new life into boarding."

Joe's mum Mrs Sullivan was equally impressed: "While it is sad to say goodbye to the tradition of the old senior boarding houses, this is a massive step into the forward-facing direction that Adams' wants to go in and I am amazed by it all. The school has raised the bar in so many areas and now this. Well done Adams' – this really is one huge step forward."

The new common room has a pool table, air hockey, table football and gaming area

Year 11 boarder Joe Sullivan in the American Diner

Celebrating 50 years of junior boarding at Longford Hall

Lower Sixth pupil Josh Maloney said: "It's mind blowing and I love it all. I was thinking black and grey would look good but the colours that have been chosen are amazing and really brighten everything up. The Kitchen Diner is brilliant and makes you feel like you want to cook – I intend to use it a lot."

Colette adds: "We can now offer the boys so much more with the fun themed kitchen, a large modern communal room and en-suite bedrooms for everyone but we couldn't have done any of it without the help and support of our trustees the Haberdashers Company, governors and our PTA. Huge thanks to everyone."

The school's junior boarders have also had a special celebration of their own at Longford Hall. The Grade II listed Georgian hall with its 100 acres of grounds is home to the school's younger boarders aged 11-14 who recently enjoyed hosting a 50th reunion for 15 of the school's first ever boarders to live at Longford Hall when it opened as a boarding house back in September 1967. The school offers boarding taster events for anyone interested in joining the school as a junior or senior boarder and is also currently taking bookings for its Sixth Form open afternoons. Full details are available on the school's website: www.adamsgs.uk

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College welcomes National Citizen Service

NCS Representatives Ross Newell, and Darren Carpenter with students from North Shropshire College

Ross and Darren show off NCS T-shirts at the college

North Shropshire College (NSC) recently welcomed representatives from the National Citizen Service to its campuses to talk to students about the programme.

NCS has been running since 2011 and has proved popular with young people; with half a million graduating from the programme across the country to date.

The programme is run over three exciting and diverse stages; Adventure, Discovery and Social Action.

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This enables students to undertake a variety of activities, from outdoor adventure to workshops including self defence, first aid and Apprentice style challenges, as well as their own self-led social action project during their time with NCS giving them valuable life skills and experience.

Darren Carpenter from NCS comments "We have a summer programme which is mainly aimed at Year 11s plus we have an October half term programme which is specifically aimed at year 12 students.

"Both are fantastic fun but they also aim to develop key skills that employers increasingly value.

Impact

"It has been great to talk to the students at the college this week and show them the positive impact that NSC continues to have for young people and the wider community."

Jill Cawthray access co-ordinator and senior tutor at NSC added: "We were very pleased to welcome NCS to the college. The talks given were truly inspirational and showed how attending NCS camps can boost students' self-confidence and skill set whilst also having a truly amazing experience.

"The concept that all participants also take part in a social action project is also of immense benefit to local communities."

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These complement the Forest School classes they already have in their own school woodland on site at Old Roman Road.

All pupils from Kindergarten to Year 3 take part in these regular classes and head out in small groups to visit wonderful local places that they might otherwise not have explored.

Children have enjoyed, amongst other things, river walks, climbed the Knapp and Lyth Hill, completed the Gruffalo trail at Haughmond, visited Acton Burnell and Moreton Corbett castles, gone on the hunt for Highwayman Humphrey Kynaston's hideout in the Nesscliffe Hills and right on their doorstep, in the heart of Shrewsbury, were even lucky enough to spot a Night Heron in the Dingle – an extremely rare bird that birdwatchers travel from all over the country to spot.

Suzanne Wakeley, who heads up the Forest School programme, believes the Out and About sessions are an extremely valuable addition to the children's Forest School experience,.

Youngsters on the hunt for Highwayman Humphrey Kynaston's hideout

"We are extremely lucky at Prep that with the school minibuses and high teacher/pupil ratio we are able to take small groups out across the county on a regular basis. Shropshire has so many beautiful places for the children to explore with such a variety of wildlife and landscapes that one day we can be watching the ducklings as we wade through a stream and the next we are deep in the Shropshire Hills hunting for a mysterious highwayman's hideout. Even when we are somewhere as familiar as the Quarry, we can find conkers, wave at the Sabrina boat, learn about Hercules, spot weeping willows, jump on the suspension bridge and so much more – it is wonderful to see the children discovering new things on every adventure."

War water tower set to be given new use

Report by Jonny Drury

A FORMER Second World War water tower in a village is to be turned into holiday accommodation after it received planning permission.

Permission was sought to turn a redundant water tower in Kinnerley into a holiday home.

The building played a key part in the adaptation of the Shropshire and Montgomeryshire Light Railway for military use during the Second World War, where it housed a steel water tank on top of the cast concrete column. More recently the tank has been removed and the building has been used for the storage of agricultural equipment such as fencing. In line with comments made on previously applications, Kinnerley Parish Council supports the application, which "ensures the survival of a locally important historic building by providing a sympathetic alternative use for an otherwise redundant and derelict building".

Shropshire Council's conservation officer made no objection to the scheme as it is considered to contribute to enhancing the significance of the heritage asset as a Second World War structure of its type. A similar application in 2015 was originally refused by Shropshire Council.

Granting permission, Shropshire Council said in a report: "Prior to development commencing samples of all materials to be used in the construction of the external walls shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

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The water tower in Kinnerley

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Town has a great community spirit

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The town lies in the valley of the River Cain near the Berwyn Mountains in Montgomeryshire. Llanfyllin has an intriguing history and is known for its holy well, Fynnon Coed y Llan.

The well is dedicated to Saint Myllin, who is reputed to have baptised people here in the sixth century.

The parish church is also dedicated to Saint Myllin. The medieval motte and bailey castle of Tomen yr Allt was probably destroyed by Llywelyn ap Gruffudd in 1257. The castle earthworks are still present.

Llanfyllin was granted a charter as a market town in 1293 by Llywelyn ap Dafydd under Edward I, one of only two Welsh towns to have received its charter from a native ruler.

The charter was confirmed by Edward de Charlton, Lord of Powys under Henry V.

Today Llanfyllin remains a busy town and is popular with tourists from a wide area who are keen to stay in the area to enjoy its beautiful landscapes.

Many tourists stop in Llanfyllin for a few days on their way to the Welsh coast while others spend longer in the area to enjoy all that it offers.

Another major draw for visitors is the Llanfyllin Workhouse, known as Y Dolydd.

Built in 1837, this imposing stone building served as a workhouse for up to 250 inmates until 1930, when it became a local authority institution and later a care home.

It finally closed in 1983.

The Workhouse enjoyed a brief period of rejuvenation as an outdoor pursuits centre, before being left empty from the mid 1980s.

The historic yet rather austere buildings remained empty and derelict until local residents formed a charitable body to save the buildings. eventually taking full ownership in 2008.

Work began soon after, clearing the site and preparing to renovate led by local volunteers as well as visitors from afar.

The buildings and surrounding land is now owned and run by the community, for the community.

And that community spirit is evident in many aspects of life in Llanfyllin.

The community spirit shone brightly when the town's famous Lonely Tree was damaged in storms. The tree had stood over the town for generations and residents and former residents of Llanfyllin were saddened to hear of its demise. A campaign was launched by the community to try to save it and that community effort later saw the tree named Welsh Tree of the Year by The Woodland Trust.

The town of Llanfyllin sits in the glorious Mid Wales countryside and has a fascinating history

The campaign to save the Lonely Tree was a great example of community spirit

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Tips to help you get the best out of your new build property

Buying a new build home can be the ideal option for you whether you're a first-time buyer, have a growing family in need of more space or down-sizing in later life.

New build homes have great advantages.

You will be the first people to live in the property, repairs and redecoration costs should be minimal for the first few years and buyers can often select fixtures and fittings tailored to their personal taste.

Also new properties usually come with guarantees.

You can enjoy lower running costs and energy bills. There are also great new build deals out there.

But you shouldn't just pick a new home on a whim.

Careful planning and consideration of your exact needs is essential.

Here are our top tips on moving into a new build home.

● If you have a property to sell you need to decide whether you are going to sell it through a local estate agent before buying a new build, or see if the developer will take yours in part exchange.

Also sort out your new mortgage, ensuring you can comfortably afford the repayments.

● If using an estate agent local ones are considered to be best.

Get a few out to value your property and tell you what they can offer you. If you want to move quicker it may be better to have your home up for sale at one of the slightly lower valuation figures to attract more interest.

A trusted local solicitor is essential, and your estate agent can probably recommend one.

● Do your research to find out the right area before you look for developments there. What are your needs?

Good local schools, commuter links, local shopping outlets and entertainment leisure facilities, including green space can all be of appeal.

Do you want to live close to work or are you willing to do a longer daily commute in order to acquire a bigger property in an area where you get more for your money?

And does country living appeal or are you a real townie?

● Go for a trusted developer with a great track record. Get to know the developers in the area where you want to buy and research them online. Look out for where they are mentioned on forums and see what people are saying.

If the development has been partially completed ask the neighbours how they found the process of buying and visit the developer's other sites.

● Plan to stay put for a few years. Future proof your purchase by ensuring it fits with your personal plans for the next few years.

Think about adding value. Is there scope to add a conservatory on the back, or a landscaped garden or loft conversion.

● Finally, make sure you keep regularly in touch with all the parties involved in your sale/purchase so everything goes as smoothly as possible until completion and move in day.

Arrange your removal firm and packing up in plenty of time. Ensure boxes are clearly marked for the rooms the contents are destined for to enable a smoother move in.

Then get your keys, move in and enjoy your brand new home . . .

Pictured: Leighton Park by Shropshire Homes

A four-page commercial spotlight

Non-stop homes at iconic Leighton Park

As the scaffolding unfolds at the former Shelton Hospital, the historic building is beginning to reclaim its magnificence. Now halfway into the development the finish line doesn't seem so far away.

With a further two years to go, the variety of these exclusive new properties is limitless. Today the development comprises conversions (The Heritage Buildings) and new built homes, with a recent launch of the next phase of new houses known as 'The Wickets'. Following on from 2, 3 & 4 beds at The Furlongs, The Wickets targets a new market for those seeking spacious four-bed homes in a stunning parkland setting.

In the heart of the development, the elegantly converted Heritage Buildings offer home buyers something a little different to the standard new build. Combining the old with the new, the conversions bring together history and contemporary under one roof. The interiors are truly memorable, combining elegance and style. Half way through the Leighton Park journey many of these conversions are now sold, but many more are to be released. The next phase to keep a look out for is The Gables, a small block of one bed apartments. A number of two-bedroom homes are also available.

Only two miles from the centre of Shrewsbury, Leighton Park escapes the hustle and bustle of the 'city lifestyle' and takes you on a walk into a wonderland. The secret pathways and quirky exteriors immediately encapsulate the magnificence of the building and landscape where it belongs. It comes as no surprise that although still undergoing renovation, this remarkable building never fails to impress.

Each day brings a new element to Leighton Park, continuing to transform the beautiful buildings into a vibrant living community. Complementing the new homes are the leisure facilities which include a cricket pavilion and bar, bowling green and surrounding parklands.

The show home at The Wickets and the Sales & Marketing Suite at Leighton Park are open five days a week (closed Wednesday & Thursday) from 10am to 5pm. The sales advisors are available on 01743 368766.

PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Three bed bungalow has stunning views and nearly nine acres

OSWESTRY £595,000

Coming with full planning permission for a large four-bedroomed detached house, Green Pastures on Weston Lane, Oswestry is a spectacularly positioned three-bedroomed detached bungalow.

Having stunning views over the Shropshire Plain, together with around 8.78 acres, it is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £595,000.

The planning permission is for the dwelling adjacent to the existing bungalow, making this sale an interesting development opportunity.

The bungalow's accommodation briefly comprises of an entrance lobby, an entrance hall, a cloakroom/WC, a bathroom, a kitchen, a rear entrance hall, a store room, a utility room, a lounge, sun room, dining room, three good sized bedrooms (bedroom one with a shower cubicle and a wardrobe), and a garage/workshop.

Outside the garden has a paved patio providing an outdoor seating area to enjoy the spectacular views across open countryside. The land is currently laid to pasture and has hedge/fence boundaries and offers a host of uses.

The house is situated in Weston Lane in one of the most popular areas of Oswestry. The town centre is a short walk away and offers a host of shops, restaurants and other amenities.

In more detail the entrance lobby has quarry tiled flooring. The bathroom has a bath with a power shower. The kitchen has space for a cooker, space and plumbing for a washing machine and a fitted pantry.

The rear entrance hall has quarry tiled flooring, as does the utility room. The lounge has a glazed door off to the sun room which has quarry tiled flooring and open countryside views. Bedroom one has the shower cubicle and a wardrobe, while bedroom two has a fitted wardrobe. The loft space is fully boarded.

The rear garden is mainly laid to lawn with a paved patio. The land is currently laid to pasture.

KEY FEATURES

- Spectacular position
- Detached bungalow
- 3 bedrooms
- Stunning views
- Planning Permission

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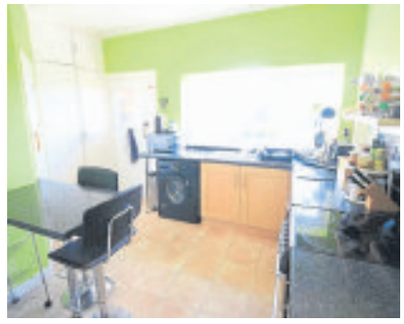

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Stunning farmhouse enjoys superb views

LLANRHAEADR
£450,000

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It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £450,000. The property is situated on the outskirts the picturesque village of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant close to the confluence of the River's Tanat and Rhaeadr in the stunning Berwyn Mountains and near Pistyll Rhaeadr. In brief, the property has a reception hall, music room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen lounge, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, coal house, gallery landing, a loft storage room, integral garage, gun room, five first floor bedrooms, a family bathroom, five attic rooms, large gardens and an orchard/paddock.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.

Property in picturesque village dates back to 1800s

WHITTINGTON
£285,000 <<<

A semi-detached village cottage located in a popular road, Westbourne House, 11 Top Street, Whittington near Oswestry, is set in a garden plot.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell and Co with a guide price of £285,000. The home is situated in a quiet road within the village.

The property is a traditionally constructed semi-detached house. The home dates back to the 1800s with a 1980s extension and also has the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, utility, shower room, kitchen and bathroom. There are three bedrooms and the property also has a dining room, sitting room and sun room.

For more details contact JJ Dell and Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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- Dining Room And Sitting Room
- Sun Room
- Bathroom And Shower Room
- Ample Car Parking. Workshop
- Award Winning Side/ Rear Garden
- EPC Band - E

JJD977

GUIDE PRICE £285,000

OSWESTRY

- End Terraced House Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GFCH
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen And Cellar
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Yard
- EPC Band - E

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GUIDE PRICE £139,995

WESTON, NR. OSWESTRY

- Grade II Listed Semi-Detached Property
- CH & DG
- Reception Hall
- Study Area
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
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- Bathroom
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£140,000

OSWESTRY

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RENT £450 PCM

WESTON, NR. OSWESTRY-TO LET

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Now on the market for the first time in nearly 40 years, this property, which dates from the 17th century, is now for sale through Balfours at £355,000.

Set within a quarter of an acre of mature gardens and grounds, Smithy House has three main reception rooms plus a conservatory, kitchen, pantry and ground floor wet room. Agent, Duncan Scobie of Balfours said: "From the sandstone inglenooks and conservatory base to the wonderful web of timbers, this is a very unique and charming property. It is well laid out with each of the reception rooms of good proportions.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.

Country cottage in idyllic setting is beautifully presented

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£380,000 <<<

A beautifully presented three-bedroomed detached country cottage in an idyllic setting, Garreg Lwyd at Moelfre near Llansilin has been sympathetically renovated.

Being tastefully decorated and having stunning views towards the Berwyn Mountains and Moelfre Lake, it is for sale through Town & Country at £380,000.

The property is warmed by oil central heating and has double glazing. The gardens are lawned and shrubbed to the front and rear, with a barbeque and seating area ideal for entertaining.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a living room, a conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, one en-suite and a bathroom.

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14 Minshall Place, Oswestry — £82,500

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2 Sandstone Cottages, Knockin Heath — £230,000

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Bryn Awel, Middleton Rd, Oswestry — £210,000

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14 Roundwood Close, Oswestry — £164,500

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20 Marshfields, Maesbury Marsh — £119,950

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9 Berwyn Drive, St Martins — £185,000

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Traditional Welsh stone farmhouse dates back to 1690

FRONCYSYLLTE
£575,000

A stunning traditional Welsh stone farmhouse, Blaenau Dwr at Froncysyllte dates back in parts to 1690, with records showing it was part of the Chirk Castle Estate from 1695.

It has many original features such as a stone fireplace with oak mantel, a Welsh slate hearth and cast iron wood burning stove, beamed ceilings and wooden flooring. There are 6.5 acres of gardens, paddocks and fields with far reaching views across to Llangollen and the open countryside. In addition to the farmhouse there is a former stone built coach house with planning permission to convert to an annexe or bed and breakfast accommodation. It is for sale through Town & Country at £575,000. Its accommodation briefly comprises a porch, boot room, family room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, inner hallway, utility/office, landing, three bedrooms and a bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property and its

idyllic location. In more detail the entrance/boot room has exposed floorboards and a solid timber door. The family room has exposed floorboards, an open ceiling to the eaves and opens out to the kitchen and lounge. An impressive room, the lounge has stripped floorboards, a beamed ceiling, exposed stone wall and a large stone inglenook with a beam over and a log burner. The dining room is full of character with a window to the front, a door to the porch, stripped flooring, a brick arched inglenook with a log fire inset, beamed ceiling, a built-in cupboard and a wooden staircase leading to the first floor.

The porch has slate flooring. The stunning contemporary kitchen/breakfast room has bi-folding doors opening out to the onto the garden.The inner hallway has a partially converted room off with provision for a wet room.

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Spectacular barn conversion offers spacious accommodation

QUEENS HEAD
£385,000 >>>

In a semi-rural setting, Little Wootton Barn at Queens Head, Oswestry is an L-shaped barn conversion with spacious accommodation, which is in part on two levels.

It is for sale with offers over £385,000. It features a "Schuller" fitted kitchen and breakfast room including an oil-fired range, three reception rooms, two fitted with oil fired radiant fire units, a large rear conservatory overlooking the enclosed garden area, one double and one single garage and a detached timber built stable block with two stables. There are also five bedrooms, three en-suite bathrooms and a family bathroom, including a ground floor bedroom with an en-suite bathroom, double glazing and oil-fired central heating. It also has a cloakroom/WC, an inner hallway, study and an entrance hall.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.

Property near village has a large garage and also a workshop annexe

ST MARTINS
£425,000 <<<

Smithy Cottage, Street Dinas, Overton Road is located approximately one mile from St Martins village.

The property has a guide price of £425,000 and it is on the market through JJ Dell and Co. There is no chain. There is also a large garage and workshop annexe with an extensive parking area. The accommodation includes a covered porch, hall and stairs, a modern fitted kitchen which has a stable door to the rear porch. There is also a utility, living room, four bedrooms and a bathroom.

The property occupies a large plot along a country lane, and is approached over an in and out gravelled driveway providing ample parking for up to six cars with turning area.

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- Private enclosed garden to the rear, driveway and single garage.
- Gas Central Heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D (64)

NEW

Weston Road
Oswestry — **£595,000**

- A spectacularly positioned 3-bedroom detached bungalow with stunning views
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Waterfall St
Llanrhaeadr YM — **£100,000**

- 2 Bedroom End Terraced
- Ent Hall, Lounge Dining Rm, Kitchen
- Utility Rm, 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Generous sized terraced garden leading down to river
- Off road parking to the side
- D.G and Electric Storage Heater
- EPC Rating F. NO CHAIN

NEW

Unicorn Road
Oswestry — **£124,995**

- A well proportioned 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Situated in a popular residential area within the Market Town of Oswestry
- Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory,
- Family Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms and further Single Bedroom
- The property is in need of improvement works throughout
- An enclosed rear garden with single detached garage.
- Oil Central Heating and Upvc Double Glazing throughout

Hawthorn Grove
Oswestry — **£115,000**

- A 2 Bedroom Mid-Terraced house situated within a popular residential area
- Hallway, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- An enclosed rear garden laid mainly to lawn
- Decked patio providing an outdoor seating area.
- Paved patio area directly off the rear of the property.
- Parking to the front of the property.
- UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Fired Central Heating

Beeches Avenue
Gobowen — **£124,995**

- A well proportioned 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Cloakroom and Work Room
- Family Bathroom, two double bedrooms
- The second bedroom opening into the third double bedroom
- Good sized rear garden mainly laid to lawn with shrub borders
- Driveway to the front of the property.
- Gas fired central heating and double glazing throughout

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Chirk Bank — **£74,995**

- A residential plot located in the picturesque village of Chirk Bank extending to 0.04 acres or thereabouts with outline planning permission for the erection of one detached dwelling
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NEW

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- A well proportioned 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of St Martins
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Private rear garden and off road parking and garage to the fore.
- Oil central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- EPC Rating awaited. NO CHAIN

West Place
Gobowen — **£120,000**

- A well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Situated in the popular village of Gobowen
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room and separate WC.
- Good size plot with off road parking and enclosed rear garden.
- Partial double glazing and storage heaters
- EPC Rating G

Rowan Close
Gobowen — **£159,995**

- An well appointed 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Well maintained front and rear garden together with off road parking
- Gas C/H and hardwood D/G. EPC Rating D (65)

Abraham Court
Oswestry — **£79,995**

- This beautifully appointed ground floor purpose built apartment
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Hampton Rise
Oswestry — **£325,000**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Situated within a desirable established residential location
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom
- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room & Utility
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens
- Driveway and double garage
- Oil central heating and double glazing
- EPC Rating D (60)
- NO CHAIN

Kings Vale
Baschurch — **£324,950**

- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with Integral Garage situated in the popular village of Baschurch
- Open plan Kitchen/Diner, Utility, cloaks
- Spacious Living rm with bay window
- Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes & En-suite
- 3 further Bedrooms & Family Bathrm
- Enclosed rear garden, Integral Garage and Driveway
- PART EXCHANGE OR HELP TO BUY IS AVAILABLE

Almond Avenue
Gobowen — **£125,000**

- Immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Maintained to the highest of standards
- Ent Hall, large Lounge & Kitchen/ Breakfast Rm
- 3 Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Good size plot with off road parking & enclosed rear garden

Upper Brook Street
Oswestry — **£125,000**

- A delightful 2 Bedroom Terraced Cottage
- Period features including beams to ceilings and inglenook fireplace
- Large rear garden (approx. 150' long), garage and workshop
- Living Room, Inner Hall/Breakfast Area, Kitchen
- Rear Lobby and Bathroom and 2 good size Bedrooms.
- Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating

Arddleen
Llanymynech — **£215,000**

- NO CHAIN - A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the popular village of Arddleen,
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Externally the property offers gardens to front, side and rear.
- Oil Central Heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating

Oakwood Grange
Morda — **£249,950**

- Only two spacious 4 bedroom detached houses with garage available
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Utility, Cloaks
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) & Family Bathroom.
- Gas C/H and double glazing will be installed as standard
- All properties will be completed to the highest specification and will have the benefit of a 10 year warranty.

Bypass Road
Gobowen — **£166,995**

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Pantry, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Off road parking and a garden to front
- Yard area and large workshop to rear
- uPVC double glazing and Gas C/H.
- EPC Rating E (47). No Chain

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Superb homes in desirable locations

One of Shropshire's most respected building companies, Galliers Homes, is providing some superb properties at desirable locations throughout the county this autumn and has just opened its latest exciting development.

The long-established firm, which relocated to a larger office on Shrewsbury Business Park earlier this year, recently unveiled a collection of 18 stylish detached and semi-detached properties in the Sundorne area of the town.

Saxon Grove, in Sundorne Road, will feature three-bedroom properties in three different house designs, all with their own distinctive features, with selected plots featuring a garage or en-suite shower room.

Located adjacent to The Shrewsbury Club, Saxon Grove has excellent access to a well-equipped gym, tennis courts and a swimming pool.

Prestigious

Shrewsbury town centre is approximately three miles away and the development is located near to a number of schools with 'good' or 'outstanding' Ofsted ratings, including the prestigious Belvidere School, less than three miles away.

North of Shrewsbury, Galliers is building Kings Vale in the historic village of Baschurch in north Shropshire.

Situated off Shrewsbury Road, this is a collection of 22 contemporary three and four-bedroom luxury homes.

The spacious Dendale design is open as a showhome, with an Appleton design, aimed at first-time buyers, open as a viewhome.

Both houses feature three bedrooms and a separate garage.

Like every property, they include a beautiful bathroom, an inviting master bedroom and a contemporary kitchen with appliances – all finished to a luxury specification.

This is proving to be one of Galliers' busiest years, with the firm building a wide range of high quality and carefully-designed residences in other superb settings in Shropshire, such as Church View in the village of Hadnall, where there is a luxurious collection of 35 new two, three, four and five-bedroom homes, including a mix of houses and bungalows.

It is an exciting time too for the many people who purchase a beautiful new Galliers property. And by using one of the company's successful sales incentives the move can be a hassle-free reality.

Andy Gough, of Galliers, comments: "As a family-owned company we pride ourselves not only on the high standard of our properties but also on our excellent customer care and we have various ways to help, such as offering financial advice and guidance.

"We also have dynamic plans for 2018 so watch this space for announcements about more new homes in attractive settings," he added.

Move into a Lovell home for Christmas

How would it feel to be comfortably settled in to a sparkling new Lovell home at Abbey Walk, Shrewsbury, just in time for Christmas?

If the answer is a fulsome, festive "Yes", now is the time to make your move with a seasonal Christmas Cracker on selected new homes including the three three-bedroom Scotswood and two two-bedroom Garston homes. Simply reserve by October 31, then pull the special Lovell Homes cracker and receive £500 worth of gift vouchers, a hamper brimming with festive food, or a new washing machine.

First-time buyers looking for a foothold on the property ladder can take advantage of the beautifully designed new homes at Abbey Walk, in a convenient location with great transport links.

Superior

Existing homeowners will also discover a perfect reason to relocate, whether upsizing or downsizing.

Built-in style, unrivalled quality and exceptional value are hallmarks that set a Lovell home apart. Every property offers superior specification and workmanship with rigorous attention to detail.

Homes are also surprisingly affordable, especially with the range of purchase options available.

First-time buyers looking for a foothold on the property ladder and those seeking to upsize or downsize, can take advantage of beautifully designed two and three-bedroom homes at Abbey Walk, in a prime location with great transport links.

Abbey Walk is located in Ellesmere Road, on the northwest fringe of Shrewsbury, with exciting leisure activities and scenic countryside close by. Telford Shopping Centre offers major high street names and there is also a good choice of primary and secondary schooling within three miles.

As the county town of Shropshire, Shrewsbury is known for its attractive quality of life in a scenic location beside the River Severn.

The town is recognised for its quality shopping, many dining opportunities and family days out, nine miles from the Welsh border, yet only 16 miles via the A5 and M54 to Telford and around 40 miles from Birmingham, including direct rail travel from Shrewsbury station.

"Two of the homes available to buy now at Abbey Walk include added incentives; plot 125, a three- bedroom detached Scotswood house style, features free carpeting throughout, while plot 134, a two-bedroom mid-terrace Garston house style, comes with a landscaped garden.

With no stamp duty to pay on the first £125,000, together with the Government-backed Help to Buy equity loan available, there are plenty of purchasing options.

Lovell Field Sales Manager, Michelle Barnsley, said: "With this exciting Christmas Cracker on offer and all manner of financial options available to help you buy there has never been a better time to relocate to Abbey Walk.

"Visit our show homes to discover the fantastic selection of new housing Lovell has to offer, built to our hallmark standards combining high quality workmanship, stylish design and excellent value for money. Don't miss out on a brand new home!"

For more information about new homes at Abbey Walk visit www.lovellnewhomes.co.uk/developments/midlands/abbeywalk/location or call the marketing suite on 01743 404 322. Alternatively, email the sales team at sales.midlands@lovell.co.uk

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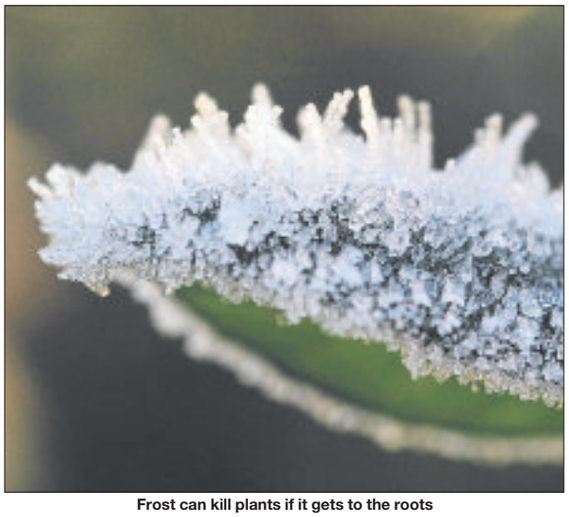

Frost can kill plants if it gets to the roots

Take steps to protect plants from winter's biting cold

AS the weather cools down, plants will need covering, bulbs will need lifting or mulching and extra winter protection given to tender specimens which will have to be brought indoors if they are to survive the coldest months.

So, what steps should you be taking?

WRAP THEM UP

Use horticultural fleece, hessian or bubble wrap to wrap around permanent plants in pots. You need to stop the roots from freezing, which could ultimately kill the plant. If you have lots of pots, huddle them together near a house wall, where it will be slightly warmer. They will insulate each other and you can use one large length of protective material to protect all the plants. Tie the cover round them securely so it doesn't blow off in winter.

Next time you're planting a tender permanent specimen in a frost-resistant container, line the inside wall of the pot with bubble wrap to save you having to do it in the autumn.

Plants in borders which can't easily be moved, such as tree ferns, should be wrapped in horticultural fleece, from the base of the trunk upwards. The leaves of tree ferns and other tender plants such as cordylines should be tied upright, packed with straw and covered with horticultural fleece, plus a layer of mulch should be laid over the root area.

MAKE A FRAME

Small tender shrubs can be protected with makeshift frames made from chicken wire or a wigwam made from bamboo canes packed with straw and then covered in netting. In wet weather, you may need to temporarily cover them with clear polythene to stop them rotting in the wet.

If frost is forecast, keep a pair of old curtains to hand to cover borderline hardy plants overnight to prevent damage.

MOVE THEM INDOORS

Many tender plants, such as geraniums, begonias and half hardy fuchsias will need to be brought under cover before the first frosts. Put them in a frost-free greenhouse or garden shed to give them the best chance.

The science behind the shape and size of leaves

ROSS UNDERWOOD

Head Gardener at Hodnet Hall

OUTSIDE my window the trees are beginning to take on their autumn hue and many are already falling especially the horse chestnuts which have already been decimated by leaf miners.

These insects live between the upper and lower surfaces of the leaf eating them from the inside.

When the leaves fall they overwinter ready to reinfect the new leaves in spring.

The multiplicity of different leaf sizes and shapes should give us all pause for thought. Why don't all leaves look the same?

Scientists have long known about the factors that limit leaf size.

Leaves exist to capture sunlight for photosynthesis so the larger the surface area the more sun light can be captured.

However, the size of the leaf cannot exceed the amount of available water.

The evaporation of water from the leaves cools the leaves as well as drawing more water up from the roots to replace it. Thus a leaf which outgrows the availability of water will soon scorch in strong sunshine.

In this way at amount of water creates an impetus towards growth while the availability and strength of sunlight restricts growth. Plants find a happy medium between the two according to their own specific set of circumstances.

Yet recently scientists working in Australia have discovered another variable. Cold.

Plants may be just as wary of catching a chill as of catching too many hours of sunshine. The more likely a plant is to experience freezing temperatures the more it will reduce the size of its leaves.

But still leaves have different shapes as well as different sizes, something that can only be accounted for through myriad tiny adaptations over the enormity of evolutionary time.

Each small adaptation is passed down in genetic form from parent to progeny. The evolutionary and ecological history of a plant species is written in the shape and size of the leaf.

Style also mirrors function when it comes to plants. They don't dress up just for our benefit.

Getting the style of leaf right for a specific environment can be a matter of life and death.

Large round leaves gain more sunlight while leaves with sharper edges and rough textures are able to to shade themselves from the strongest rays preventing them from becoming scorched.

Large leaves like those of a banana grow where cold is not a problem while small tight leaves such as bundles of pine leaves keep out the cold.

An individual plant may even go so far as to change the characteristics of the leaf according to its own circumstances, how much shade falls on it or what the atmosphere around it is like.

Plants are beset by many ecological challenges. Their response over time has been ingenious and hopefully in an era of man made climate change this will prove their salvation and ours.

Tight needles survive heat and cold

Bright autumnal colours are already appearing on leaves

Small leaves can resist a cold snap

It's time to think about tidying up the garden

SO, are you ready for the great garden tidy-up, when you empty pots of worn-out summer bedding, prepare your lawn for winter, trim hedges and rake leaves?

There are a range of tools which will help you make light work of the most arduous jobs.

INVEST IN PRUNING TOOLS

Some pruning can be done in the autumn to get rid of dead wood and help shape shrubs and trees for the following year. Secateurs are essential for this job and there are two types, anvil and bypass.

The anvil works on the principle of a sharp blade cutting down on to an anvil, but the cutting blade needs to be kept really sharp for it to be effective. Bypass secateurs work whereby a sharp curved blade bypasses a curved cutting plate, severing a branch without much effort.

You shouldn't be trying to cut a branch with a diameter thicker than 1cm (0.5in) with secateurs. Any thicker and you should opt for a pruning saw such as the Silky, a Japanese blade with teeth with three razor-edged facets which cut smooth and don't leave loose edges. There are pocket types available, where the blade folds into the handle until you need to use it, which are handy for carrying around routinely.

If you are hard-pruning overgrown shrubs, loppers are invaluable. Some versions come with extendable arms for those branches which are just out of reach, and they are ideal for cutting out old congested wood from inside thorny shrubs such as berberis and roses, but they are also good for reducing the size of large branches you have already cut off with the saw, to make them more manageable to take to the your local recycling centre.

LONG-REACH PRUNING

Pole pruners are also useful when it comes to shrubs that are too tall to reach and the ground's too uneven to safely place a ladder. These are basically secateurs attached to an extendable pole, operated by a trigger at the gardener's end of the pole. You may not be able to cut as accurately as you'd like, but it won't matter if the trees or shrubs are vigorous.

RAKE IT UP

If you have plenty of trees, you're going to need a decent lawn rake to gather up the leaves which have amassed on your lawn or in your flowerbeds. If not dealt with, leaves can harbour pests and diseases over winter and could leave you with a shed load of problems next year.

Use either a wide fan-shaped springy metal rake for the job or a similar plastic version. The important thing is that the rake achieves a good span of the area and preferably has forks which curve inwards at the end, to allow a maximum sweep. Make sure your rake has a strong, long handle.

If you want to scarify your lawn, a springtine rake is ideal for the job as it will remove moss and thatch as you rake, allowing new shoots through in spring. You may also want to make use of a garden fork to make holes in the lawn to aerate it and reduce compaction, and fill the holes with sharp sand to aid drainage.

MOW AWAY PROBLEMS

Lawnmowers can help reduce problems with leaves on the lawn, if you just raise the blades and mow the grass, the leaves should be chopped up and collected in the grass box, ready for composting.

If your grass edges have become out of control and invaded by weeds, the perfect tool for tackling rough areas is a brushcutter, a bladed tool which will tackle long grass, brambles, weeds and nettles.

TRIM HEDGES

Give your hedges a trim before the winter months, but make sure you leave enough greenery for birds to nest in and be careful where you trim in case you disturb any wildlife. Electric hedgetrimmers do the job if you have a power source handy and aren't prone to cutting through cables, but there are equally good battery-powered hedgetrimmers on the market, which provide just as good a cut and some recharge within half an hour.

BLOW LEAVES AWAY

If you have a larger area, use a leaf blower to direct leaves into a pile before bagging them up for the compost bin or to make leaf mould, which can be used as a mulch on beds and borders.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Excavations are subject of talk

MEMBERS of an Oswestry archaeology and history group will meet to learn about excavations over the Welsh border.

Fiona Gale, Denbighshire County Archaeologist, will give a talk to the Oswestry group about recent excavations in North Wales and the new work on the Clwydian hillforts.

The meeting takes place at 7.30pm on Friday next week.

The talk will take place at the Methodist Church Hall in Castle Street in Oswestry. Full details of Oswestry and Border History and Archaeology Group's lectures are available at Oswestry Library and online at www.oswestry.histarch.uk For more details about the group people can contact the secretary on (01691) 653355 or email obhag@histarch.uk

Schools make the grade in review

SOME of Shropshire's most successful schools have been chosen to feature in this year's edition of the Parliamentary Review.

The document has become a key fixture in the political calendar since it was established in 2010.

St Martins School near Oswestry, Adams' Grammar School in Newport, and The Telford Langley School were chosen for the 2017/18 edition which showcases best practice.

The Parliamentary Review's director, Daniel Yossman, said: "St Martins School and other hardworking organisations from across the country have come together to make this year's review possible. Sharing knowledge and insight with both peers and government is essential work and I am delighted that this year's review will reach every corner of the British economy."

Volunteers are needed for new Parkrun event

Report by Aimee Jones

ORGANISERS of a new weekly running event are appealing for volunteers to help get the race on track.

A meeting was held this week at the British Ironwork Centre for clubs, organisations and individuals interested in launching a Parkrun in Oswestry.

The nearest Parkrun for people in the area are currently in The Quarry in Shrewsbury or Erddig in Wrexham.

If successful, the new Oswestry Parkrun would take place every Saturday morning at 9am at the ironworks.

Parkrun UK organises free, weekly, 5km timed runs to encourage people of all abilities to take part.

There are 464 Parkruns in the UK and hundreds more across the world.

Owner of the centre, Clive Knowles said: "We'd love to see people who would be willing to marshal and volunteer because these events can't go ahead without volunteers."

He also revealed the organisers are close to raising the £3,500 fee needed to get it up and running, but said he is waiting for Shropshire Council to grant the centre planning permission first.

Mr Knowles has applied for retrospective planning permission and is asking for a whole host of new attractions.

"At the moment it's all in the hands of Shropshire Council," he said.

"We're expecting to get permission later this month and then everything can start moving ahead but until then we've just got to wait.

"Parkrun is something they will have considered when looking at the planning application."

Success of Sixth Form continues

The Sixth Form at the Marches School is enjoying continuing success

BOSSES say the Sixth Form at the Marches School in Oswestry is going from strength to strength and now attracts students from neighbouring towns.

Prospective students will have a chance to learn more about what is on offer when the Sixth Form opens its doors to 16-18 years olds for its annual open evening on Thursday next week at 6pm.

The head of Sixth Form will be delivering presentations at 6.15pm and 7.15pm and subject staff will be on hand throughout the evening to answer course-related questions.

The Marches Sixth Form accommodates over 160 students from Oswestry and the surrounding areas in its modern, purpose built Sixth Form Centre and provides a wide range of A Level courses and BTEC qualifications.

Students applying to study at The Marches Sixth Form from 2018 can choose from an expanding selection of courses including biology, chemistry, physics, photography, English, maths, further maths, law, music, sport, product design, psychology, business studies, engineering, French and Spanish.

Former students have taken up places at top universities.

Landmark property put up for sale by owners

AN iconic building which has been visited by the likes of Hugh Grant and Liz Hurley is officially on the market.

Geoff and Kate Hughes, who have run The Dining Rooms restaurant in Oswestry for the last 24 years, have decided to sell the former school.

The husband-and-wife team have been working with heritage architects Arrol & Snell to draft a plan for the conversion of the building into houses.

Mr Hughes said: "The building closed as a school in 1982 and stood empty for 10 years until we had a viewing.

"We fell in love with it."

The building was originally designed by architect Thomas Penson and since Mr and Mrs Hughes opened on December 20, 1992, originally as a restaurant called The Walls, other celebrity visitors have been through the doors.

The included Richard Branson, Robert Hardy and Jimmy Carr, Reginald D Hunter and it is also where Robert Plant performed his first live performance after the break up of Led Zeppelin.

James Evans from Halls Commercial, the company handling the sale, said it is a completely unique property.

He said: "It is easily recognisable to the people of Oswestry and beyond and could become a great home for someone who can appreciate the architecture – but it is a versatile building with potential for alternative commercial and leisure based uses too."

"We have had plenty of interest in it already."

For more information contact James Evans on (01743) 450700.

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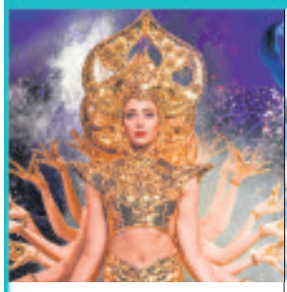

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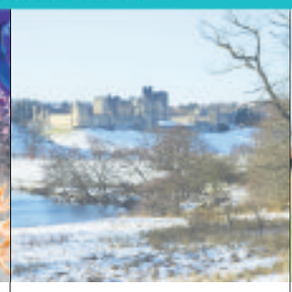

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BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Matt Tebbutt is joined in the kitchen by Rhod Gilbert and chefs Cyrus Todiwala and Chantelle Nicholson. Olly Smith selects the perfect wine to accompany the meals they prepare.
11.30 **The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food.** Si King and Dave Myers prepare salmon pie with spinach and hollandaise. (R)
12.00 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests review the weekend's matches, including Liverpool v Manchester United, Watford v Arsenal and Crystal Palace v Chelsea.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Two teams are challenged to scour an antiques fair and pick up bargains to sell for profit at auction. (R)
2.15 **Money for Nothing.** Sarah Moore transforms items from tips in Greater Manchester and Surrey. (R)
2.45 FILM: **Gnomeo & Juliet (2011).** Two garden gnomes fall in love over a fence, but their romance is threatened by a bitter feud between their houses. Animated comedy, with the voices of James McAvoy and Emily Blunt.
4.00 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland.
5.10 **Escape to the Country.** A couple search for a property in rural Wiltshire. (R)
5.40 **BBC News.**
5.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.00 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a family-themed of the general knowledge quiz, featuring Robert Lindsay, Merrill and Jay Osmond, Richard Herring and Richard Blackwood.
6.45 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Shirley Ballas, Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood share their thoughts on another round of performances, as the 13 remaining couples take to the stage once more.
8.40 **Casualty.** Ethan learns the truth about Connie's illness, and she blackmails him into performing an urgent surgical procedure on her. Meanwhile, Alicia panics ahead of her driving test.
9.30 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes is excited about Rory and Dino's big day, until she meets their flamboyant wedding planner, while Father Damien raises concerns about the ceremony. (R)
10.00 **BBC News; National Lottery Update.**
10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Manchester United at Anfield and Crystal Palace v Chelsea at Selhurst Park.
11.45 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world, joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell.
12.15 FILM: **Reasonable Doubt (2014).** A district attorney tries to bring to justice a murderer he allowed to go free because of guilt over his own crimes. Thriller, with Dominic Cooper.
1.35 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.15 **How We Won the War.** (R)
6.45 **Animal Park Summer Special.** (R)
7.30 **Naomi's Nightmares of Nature.**
8.00 **Deadly 60.** (R)
8.30 **Show Me What You're Made Of.**
9.00 **Saturday Mash-Up!**
11.00 **Mountain Lions – Big Cats in High Places: Natural World.** (R)
12.00 **Rick Stein's Long Weekends.** The chef embarks on a winter break in Reykjavik. (R)
1.00 **Coast.** Wildlife in the Firth of Forth. (R)
1.30 **Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands.** Paul Murton visits the unusually named Rum, Muck and Eigg.
2.30 **India: Nature's Wonderland.** Part two of two. Baby turtles that erupt out of the sand. (R)
3.30 **Flog It!** Making a profit at auction. (R)
4.30 **Mastermind.** Specialist subjects include Guns N' Roses and King Henry IV. (R)
5.00 **The Big Family Cooking Showdown.** Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain present the first semi-final. (R)
6.00 **Anglesey: Island Life.** Two descendants of the first Marquess of Anglesey revisit their childhood home, while the head of the Anglesey Druid Order celebrates summer solstice.
6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don adds gooseberries to his fruit garden, divides and moves herbaceous perennials and advises on the best bulbs to plant for cut flowers next year. (R)
7.30 **Front Row.** Giles Coren and his guests discuss some of this week's cultural highlights, and Samira Ahmed interviews Kate Winslet about romance-disaster film The Mountain Between Us.
8.00 **Britain Afloat.** Mary-Ann Ochota's boating documentary continues as she turns attention to narrow boats, which helped power Britain's industrial revolution, and shaped the lives of canal workers.
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Sergeant Wilson is appointed manager of the Eastgate branch of the bank. Comedy, starring John Le Mesurier. (R)
9.00 **Lucy Worsley's Nights at the Opera.** Part one of two. The history of some of the world's greatest operas, beginning with the political climate behind famous works by Monteverdi, Mozart, Beethoven and Verdi.
10.00 **Live at the Apollo.** Host Joe Lycett introduces Ivo Graham and Phil Wang to the stage before a packed house at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
10.30 **Later – with Jools Holland.** Robert Plant and the Sensational Space Shifters play tracks from new album Carry Fire and there are performances by St Vincent, Nick Mulvey, Kelela and John Moreland.
11.35 FILM: **The British Guide to Showing Off (2011).** Part-animated documentary about Andrew Logan's Alternative Miss World show, celebrating some of the most memorable contestants featured over the 40 years of the event.
1.05 FILM: **The Hunters (1996).** A policeman returns to his home village from Stockholm, but discovers his brother is caught up in the case he is investigating. Crime drama, with Rolf Lassgard and Lennart Jahkel.
3.00 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

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7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Fangbone.** Drool turns everyone into goats. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.** An airliner is placed in peril thanks to a malfunction on board a solar energy station.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Saturday Morning with James Martin.** With guests Judy Murray and Jun Tanaka.
11.25 **Gino's Italian Escape – Islands in the Sun.** (R)
11.55 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.00 **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge.** The judges must choose six acts each. (R)
1.30 **ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket.** Coverage of today's race meetings at Newmarket and York.
4.15 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** A modern remake of the classic 1960s adventure series. (R)
4.45 **Little Big Shots.** Dawn French meets a 12-year-old ventriloquist. (R)
5.45 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.55 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.15 **Cannonball.** Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.
7.15 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** New series. The star-filled version of the quiz show returns, as Christian O'Connell, Carrie Grant, Naomi Wilkinson and Dave Johns take on one of the show's resident experts.
8.15 **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge.** Dermot O'Leary presents as the Six Chair Challenge phase continues, with each contestant hoping to claim – and retain – one of the six places in the Judges' Houses round.
10.15 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by guests Stormzy, Annette Bening, Jamie Bell, Bradley Walsh and Vince Vaughn. Singer Jamie Lawson performs live in the studio.
11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.40 FILM: **The Last Boy Scout (1991).** A private detective working as a bodyguard gets caught up in murder and corruption in the world of American football. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Damon Wayans.
1.30 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge explore Newquay in Cornwall, where they try their hand at surfing and James goes fishing for sea bass, before cooking a feast on the beach. (R)

Channel 4

6.15 **Marathon: Yorkshire.** Highlights of the fourth staging of the annual race from York.
7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra's gossiping upsets Ray. (R)
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert is signed by a modelling agency. (R)
8.00 **Frasier.** A party takes an unpleasant turn. (R)
8.25 **Frasier.** Roz takes up the piano. (R)
8.55 **Frasier.** The shrink celebrates his 2,000th radio broadcast. (R)
9.30 **The Big Bang Theory.**
9.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon tries to convince Amy that they should have a baby together.
10.25 **The Big Bang Theory.**
10.50 **The Simpsons.** Homer and Marge try to save their marriage. (R)
11.20 **The Simpsons.** Grampa inherits $100,000. (R)
11.50 **Come Dine with Me.** The first in a week of parties in Newcastle. (R)
12.25 **Come Dine with Me.** Comedy promoter David hosts the second night in Newcastle. (R)
12.55 **Come Dine with Me.** Marketing consultant Liz hosts the third dinner party in Newcastle. (R)
1.25 **Come Dine with Me.** Club singer John hosts the fourth night in Newcastle. (R)
1.55 **Come Dine with Me.** Hotel administrator Vicky hosts the last night of the competition in Newcastle. (R)
2.30 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A couple looking for a holiday home in the Mijas area of Spain's Costa del Sol. (R)
3.30 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A Wiltshire couple search for a retirement home on the Costa Blanca. (R)
4.30 **Best Laid Plans.** New series. Charlie Luxton and Sophie Morgan help homeowners complete large-scale renovation projects.
5.35 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer search for properties in Edinburgh. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Rivers with Jeremy Paxman.** The presenter travels along England's greatest rivers, meeting local people and exploring the history, traditions and wildlife. The first episode focuses on the Tweed. (R)
8.00 **Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.** The Time Team presenter embarks on one last trip along one of Britain's ancient trackways, this time travelling along Roman road of Dere Street. Last in the series.
9.00 FILM: **Non-Stop (2014).** An air marshal on a transatlantic flight searches for a terrorist threatening to kill the passengers one by one. Action thriller, with Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore.
11.05 FILM: **Tower Heist (2011).** The manager of an apartment complex recruits a thief to steal back his friends' pension fund from a Wall Street fraudster. Crime comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy.
1.00 **The Last Leg.** With guests Armando Iannucci and Sue Perkins. (R)
1.55 **Hollyoaks.**
4.05 **Building the Dream.** (R)
5.00 **Best of Both Worlds.** (R)
5.55 **Kevin Can Wait.**

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat **6.10** Little Princess **6.25** The Mr Men Show **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About **6.45** Simon **6.50** Peppa Pig **6.55** Wissper **7.05** Paw Patrol **7.15** Bob the Builder **7.25** Fireman Sam **7.40** Olly the Little White Van **7.50** Paw Patrol **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective **8.50** Floogals **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.20** Shimmer and Shine **9.35** Digby Dragon **9.55** Peppa Pig **10.00** Peppa Pig **10.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10.20 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Michelangelo befriends some new superheroes. (R)
10.55 **The Gadget Show.** Jon Bentley appraises some tea-making tech. (R)
11.45 **Police Interceptors.** Sarah deals with the aftermath of a drunken brawl between two brothers. (R)
12.40 **Police Interceptors.** Officers stop an uninsured driver who is known to have a violent past. (R)
1.40 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A man whose hobby caused upset when he erected a 30ft radio mast. (R)
2.40 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A pensioner who faced months of vandalism and abuse from his neighbour. (R)
3.40 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents head to Manchester to recover more than £400,000 owed to a builder. (R)
4.40 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** The agents evict a large group of squatters barricaded into a disused nursery. (R)
5.35 **5 News Weekend.**
5.40 FILM: **A Bridge Too Far (1977).** Fact-based Second World War drama, with Dirk Bogarde.
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Fulham v Preston North End, Leeds United v Reading, and Wolverhampton Wanderers v Aston Villa.
9.45 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Fleetwood Town v Rochdale, and Luton Town v Stevenage.
10.15 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The drama returns with a case about a youngster who appears to have been abducted, a fate that befell her adoptive parents' biological daughter 10 years previously. (R)
11.10 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** Benson and Stabler are called to the hospital after the reported rape of a 10-year-old girl, and a media frenzy is sparked when another victim comes forward. (R)
12.05 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **The EastEnders Murderers: True Crime, Real Tragedy.** The stories behind the deaths of Gemma McCluskie and Sian Blake. (R)
4.00 **Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World.** Nine-year-old Jack Joe decides he is old enough to move into his own trailer. Last in the series. (R)
4.50 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.20 **Wildlife SOS.** (R)
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)

October 15

sunday

Antiques Roadshow
8pm
Fiona Bruce presents a second episode from Nymans gardens near Crawley, where the experts examine items including a jeweled locket that was a gift from Queen Victoria.

Snowfall
10pm
Franklin lets success go to his head, but faces some hard lessons. Teddy insists on meeting his supplier, and Oso makes demands of Pedro and Lucia after a job goes wrong.

Tipping Point: Lucky Stars
6pm
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Escape
8pm
Five engineers must build an escape boat from wreckage from a number of vehicles left drifting in crocodile-infested waters following a flash flood. With Ant Middleton.

Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls
7.20pm
The pet detective is coaxed out of exile in a Buddhist monastery to search for a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.35 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Manchester United at Anfield and Crystal Palace v Chelsea at Selhurst Park. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Sean Fletcher and Emma Barnett present topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Sarah Smith. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Anita Manning presents from Anglesey. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Martin Roberts, Lucy Alexander and Dion Dublin tour properties in Walsall in the West Midlands, Tunbridge Wells, and Hinckley in Leicestershire. (R)
2.15 **Money for Nothing.** An old card table and a wardrobe receive makeovers. (R)
3.00 **Escape to the Country.** Jules Hudson leads a spiritual couple from London's Stamford Hill on a property search to rural Essex, where they hope to embrace active living in the countryside. (R)
4.00 **Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
4.15 **Songs of Praise.** Aled Jones visits Pontypridd.
4.50 **Eat Well for Less?** Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin come to the aid of a woman with five daughters. (R)
5.50 **BBC News.**
6.05 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.15 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison visits Wakehurst Place in Sussex that was devastated in the 1987 hurricane, and discovers how the estate became a showcase for global conservation.
7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** The results of the public vote are combined with the judges' scores to determine which pro-celebrity duos will be competing in the dance-off. Featuring music from Gregory Porter.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents a second episode from Nymans gardens near Crawley, where the experts examine items including a jeweled locket that was a gift from Queen Victoria.
9.00 **The Last Post.** Joe is sent to recover incriminating photographs taken by Martha, but finds himself dangerously attracted to her. Ed tries to reconnect with Alison after the recent tragedy.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Brighton & Hove Albion v Everton at the AMEX Stadium and Southampton v Newcastle United at St Mary's Stadium.
11.30 FILM: **Possession (2002).** Two rival academics become attracted to each other while investigating two Victorian poets they believe were having an affair. Drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow.
1.05 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.10 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.05 **Great British Garden Revival.** Lavender and knot gardens. (R)
7.05 **Gardeners' World.** Advice on the best bulbs to plant for cut flowers next year. (R)
8.05 **The Beechgrove Garden.** The team prepares viewers for the winter. Last in the series.
8.35 **Countryfile.** Anita Rani and Matt Baker visit Dumfries House in East Ayrshire. (R)
9.30 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.
11.00 **Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking.** A selection of dishes for outdoor entertaining and lazy summer days. (R)
11.30 **My Life on a Plate.** Michael Buerk's culinary memories in Hereford. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00 FILM: **The World's Fastest Indian (2005).** Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins.
3.00 **Northern Italy Unpacked.** Andrew Graham-Dixon and Giorgio Locatelli tour the north of the country. (R)
4.00 **Coast.** Britain's first lifeboat station and how ferries cope with stormy seas. (R)
5.00 **Flog It!** Making a profit at auction. (R)
6.00 **Top Gear.** Chris Harris and Matt LeBlanc compete in a race across the Arabian peninsula, pitting a Bugatti Chiron against an assortment of other ways of travelling – with money no object. (R)
7.00 **Russia with Simon Reeve.** Simon journeys from Crimea to St Petersburg, meeting the owner of a safari park and an inspirational doctor, before joining the fighters at a martial arts club. Last in the series. (R)
8.00 **Dragons' Den.** Entrepreneurs pitch money-making ideas for a home sensor system for the elderly, protein shake bottles and gluten-free cakes to the panel. Presented by Evan Davis.
9.00 **Louis Theroux: Dark States – Trafficking Sex.** Louis explores the sex trade in Houston, examining how the city has become a major centre for people trafficking and uncovering the complex dynamic between prostitutes and pimps.
10.00 **Snowfall.** Franklin lets success go to his head, but faces some hard lessons. Teddy insists on meeting his supplier, and Oso makes demands of Pedro and Lucia after a job goes wrong.
10.50 **Mock the Week.** James Acaster, Tom Allen, Ed Byrne, Rhys James and Ellie Taylor join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
11.20 FILM: **Leave to Remain (2013).** An Afghan teenager living in Britain faces a dilemma as the decision over whether he can claim refugee status approaches. Drama, starring Noof Ousellam and Toby Jones.
12.45 **Sign Zone: Question Time.** David Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Belfast, where panellists include former Northern Ireland Secretary Theresa Villiers. (R)
1.45 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Fletch is forced to deliver some bad news as he settles into life as director of nursing. (R)
2.45 **This Is BBC2.**

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7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** The half-wit meets his match. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Ben 10.** The youngster fights more colourful foes. (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang. (R)
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears.** The presenter investigates the tricks of surviving the challenging conditions of the Australian Outback. (R)
10.00 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
10.55 **Amazing Animal Births.** Lucy Cooke heads to an alpaca farm. (R)
11.25 **Robson Green's Coastal Lives.** Robson's journey reaches the east coast. (R)
11.55 **Bigheads.** Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show. (R)
12.55 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
1.00 **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge.** Dermot O'Leary presents as the Six Chair Challenge phase continues. (R)
3.00 FILM: **Black Beauty (1994).** Family drama, starring Sean Bean.
4.40 **Victoria.** The queen seeks sanctuary in the Scottish Highlands. (R)
5.40 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.50 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants Rita Simons, Mark Benton and Oti Mabuse answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.
7.00 **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge.** The Six Chair Challenge stage comes to a conclusion, as each of the judges makes their final choices on who will go through to the next stage of the contest. With Dermot O'Leary.
9.00 **Victoria.** Albert resents Lehzen's influence over the queen, and unwittingly makes life difficult for Peel, who is facing the most important battle of his political career. Last in the series.
10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)
11.20 **Liar.** Laura enlists Tom's help in her plan to bring Andrew to justice, but when a deception in her personal life comes to light she resorts to dangerous methods to force a confession. (R)
12.15 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Richard John Neil presents action from Rockingham.
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

6.20 **Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin forgets his wedding anniversary.
6.45 **Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin and Donna have trouble getting along with Jack's friend's parents.
7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Frank is visited by a former protege. (R)
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert and Ray clash on the golf course. (R)
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Frank and Marie decide to move. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** Niles and Frasier compete for a wine tour. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** The shrink feels unappreciated. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Ronnie O'Sullivan, Michael Socha, Georgia Groome and Russell Kane.
12.30 **Jamie's Quick & Easy Food.** Jamie Oliver demonstrates recipes that each contain only five ingredients. (R)
1.00 **The Simpsons.** A department store Santa grants Lisa's Christmas wish. (R)
1.30 **The Simpsons.** Santa's Little Helper is enrolled in the Animal Police Academy. (R)
2.00 **The Simpsons.** Brazilian football legend Ronaldo guest stars. (R)
2.30 FILM: **Antz (1998).** Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen.
4.10 **The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Specials.** Action game show, hosted by Richard Ayoade. (R)
5.15 **The Great British Bake Off.** The cooks take part in Italian week. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Secrets of China's Forbidden City.** Documentary exploring the palace that housed Chinese emperors for 600 years, revealing current conservation work and examining how the structure was built to withstand earthquakes. (R)
8.00 **Escape.** Five engineers must build an escape boat from wreckage from a number of vehicles left drifting in crocodile-infested waters following a flash flood. With Ant Middleton.
9.00 **Electric Dreams: Real Life.** A detective pursuing a killer and a games designer both seek solace from the challenges of their life in a virtual reality device that lets them experience each others' world.
10.05 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts as Jon Richardson and Sara Pascoe take on Sean Lock and Vic Reeves. David O'Doherty joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner. (R)
11.00 FILM: **The Impossible (2012).** A family spending Christmas in Thailand are separated in the 2004 tsunami and struggle to find each other in the ensuing chaos. Drama, starring Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor.
1.05 **The Secret Life of the Zoo.** Florence and Nadine, two of Chester's Grevy's zebras, are about to give birth. (R)
2.00 **Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.** The Time Team veteran ventures along the Derbyshire Portway in the Peak District. (R)
2.55 **Grand Designs Australia.** Peter Maddison meets a couple building their dream home in Tasmania. (R)
3.50 **Building the Dream.** A couple build a home using a fixed-price kit. (R)
4.45 **Gillette World Sport.**
5.10 **KOTV Boxing Weekly.**
5.35 **Countdown.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat **6.10** Little Princess **6.25** Mr Men **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About **6.45** Simon **6.50** Peppa Pig **6.55** Wissper **7.05** Paw Patrol **7.15** Bob the Builder **7.25** Fireman Sam **7.40** Olly the Little White Van **7.50** Paw Patrol **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective **8.50** Floogals **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.20** Shimmer and Shine **9.35** Digby Dragon **9.55** Peppa Pig
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Shredder is mutated to become more powerful than ever. (R)
10.35 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games. (R)
11.10 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
11.45 FILM: **Fletch Lives (1989).** Comedy sequel, starring Chevy Chase.
1.35 FILM: **The 'Burbs (1989).** Black comedy, starring Tom Hanks.
3.25 FILM: **National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 (1993).** Cop movie spoof, starring Emilio Estevez and Samuel L Jackson.
4.25 **5 News Update.**
4.30 FILM: **National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 (1993).** Cop movie spoof, starring Emilio Estevez and Samuel L Jackson.
5.15 FILM: **Get Smart (2008).** Premiere. Spy comedy, starring Steve Carell.
6.15 **5 News Update.**
6.20 FILM: **Get Smart (2008).** A clumsy office worker at a secret intelligence agency is sent into action against a sinister terrorist organisation. Spy comedy, starring Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway. Edited for language and violence.
7.20 FILM: **Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995).** The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of exile in a Buddhist monastery to search for a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for language and sexual content.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 FILM: **We're the Millers (2013).** Premiere. A drug dealer recruits a fake family to give him a cover for moving a shipment of marijuana over the Mexican border. Comedy, with Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston.
10.00 **5 News Update.**
10.05 FILM: **We're the Millers (2013).** A drug dealer recruits a fake family to give him a cover for moving a shipment of marijuana over the Mexican border. Comedy, with Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston.
11.25 FILM: **Grown Ups (2010).** Five friends attend the funeral of their high-school basketball coach, and decide to relive their childhood over a weekend at a lake house. Comedy, with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock.
1.15 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **Paddington Station 24/7.** (R)
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Neil: it's not so easy to write a hit record

Ever-green singer Neil Diamond will return to Birmingham to headline the city's Arena tonight and Genting Arena on Sunday.

The star is celebrating his 50th anniversary, having last played Birmingham when he headlined the Genting Arena in 2015.

Having sold more than 130 million albums worldwide, Neil has an enviable back catalogue that includes Sweet Caroline, Cracklin' Rosie, Love on the Rocks and Forever in Blue Jeans.

Neil is delighted to be back on the road after taking a couple of years out from his regular touring work.

"This is my usual schedule. Every two or three years I go out there. But the reaction to this one has been a little different. We've put 50 cities on sale and the response has been way high. It's been very heartening to me. I've been doing this 50 years and to have an audience that's out there and anxious and enthusiastic is exciting."

He didn't imagine he'd have made it this far. Neil is all too aware that rock'n'roll careers seldom last into their 50th year and when he started out artists tended to just have two or three records. After that, they were bombed out by their record company and it was on to the next.

He's not the only one who's lasted the course, however. Nobody imagined The Rolling Stones would still be singing Satisfaction 50 years later.

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But Neil was part of a generation that also included other enduring stars, such as Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan and Brian Wilson. Before them, artists didn't have long careers – with very few exceptions.

Neil has a vast catalogue of work from which to choose when he is playing live. He usually finds the opening song and if that gets him excited, the rest of the show writes itself. There are ups and downs, valleys, left turns, quiet moments and bombastic moments. "You just keep adding songs and work from the song before it. Eventually you get to a point after two hours where you think, 'OK, let's wrap it'."

However, it's not all blockbuster tunes. Neil is keen to find space for newer cuts so that he can keep the show exciting for him and the rest of the band. He's also played songs by Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell and more.

But it's tunes like Sweet Caroline that the fans want – and it's a tune he's played more than 1,500 times live.

Neil's other ultra-popular songs are Cherry Cherry, Cracklin' Rose, I Am I Said, Brother's Love Travelling Salvation Show, Beautiful Noise, Holly Holy, Forever in Blue Jeans, America and You Don't Bring Me Flowers.

"I want to create a list of songs that I haven't done before. 'If You Go Away' is as definite candidate. 'Suzanne' is a definite candidate.

"I have a list, but I want to keep some of them surprises. There will be a bunch of additions to the set list. Hopefully they'll be accepted by people. If they are, we'll keep doing them."

The veteran songwriter is making the most of his 50th anniversary and a career-spanning box set features 50 hand-picked songs from his career.

The star began his career as a Brill Building songwriter and wrote for Jay and the Americans, The Monkees and other stars.

He was the brains behind I'm a Believer and A Little Bit Me, a Little Bit You, among many others.

Stars flocked to play his music, with his work covered by musicians including Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash and UB40, who turned his 1968 song Red Red Wine into a Number One in 1983.

While Neil has influenced many other stars, he was shaped by artists from a different era.

He loved Lonnie Donegan's Rock Island Line, The Everly Brothers' Bye Bye Love, The Rolling Stones' Satisfaction, Peter Paul and Mary's Blowin' In The Wind and Ritchie Valens' La Bamba.

During those early years, Neil had no real thought of becoming a singer. He wanted to go to medical school to become a scientist.

However, he decided he wasn't smart enough for that and instead he dropped out of New York University after his junior year to take a job on Tin Pan Alley. He was paid $50 a week and it took eight years to write his first hit, Solitary Man, in 1966.

Despite his brilliance, he's never found it particularly easy to write a hit.

He told an interviewer recently: "You would think that after all these years of writing I would have learnt to do it quickly and gracefully and easily, but it doesn't seem to work out that way.

"Every song is different, so it doesn't help me very much to have had years of experience. It's hard work, and it's not getting any easier.

"But all right, nobody told me it was gonna be easy. And so what? I'm a ditch- digger when I'm writing songs. My back hurts? Who cares? I gotta get that ditch dug deep and strong and it's gotta serve its purpose.

"There are no short cuts. There are only long cuts. That's what it is.

"But I've been doing it a long time now. I can't find another way to make a living."

Forever in blue jeans – Neil's on his 50th anniversary tour

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But Sam Owen and the team at Budgens were honoured to welcome both Squadron Leader Allan Scott and the winner of a raffle prize they had supplied, Adrian Key from Dyke Yaxley, to their showroom last week.

"We were very honoured and humbled to be in the presence of a true hero," said Sam. "To think of all the things Allan has seen in his time and the odds he has defied is incredible." Many team members took the opportunity to have a photo with Allan. Even today, he still goes up in a Spitfire every year, there seems to be no stopping him.

The raffle was part of a recent lunch held in aid of the RAF Association or RAFA. Sam and the team at Budgen Motor Group wanted to support the organisation, so they offered a prize– the use of a new Peugeot 3008 SUV for a week, the prize won by Adrian.

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Allan Scott with the team at Budgen Motors in Shrewsbury

The RAFA strengthens the strong sense of community that there is with service personnel and their families, which Sam and the staff at Budgens wanted to support. They all enjoyed meeting up with the Squadron Leader who flew spitfires in the battle of Britain and was decorated by King George VI in 1943.

"It was great listening to him, he had so much to say," adds Sam. "He was telling us of his time as a fighter pilot in Malta in 1942. In fact, he was heading straight to Malta to join Prince Charles in Valletta for a national event, marking the 75th anniversary of King George VI awarding the Maltese the gallantry honour. To think he was enjoying a coffee with us just last week!"

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10	**VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 SRI** 5 DOOR, SILVER, FULL SERVICE HISTORY 58K	£4,995
12	**SKODA FABIA SE 12V,** BLACK, ALLOY, WHEELS, AIR CON., SERVICE HISTORY 39K	£4,995
12	**NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 1.2,** 5 DOOR, MET. RED, FULL SERVICE HISTORY. £30 ROAD TAX	SOLD
10	**CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE HDI,** BLACK, ALLOY WHEELS, CLIMATE CONTROL, CRUISE CONTROL £20 ROAD TAX 52K	£4,695
60	**FORD FIESTA EDGE** 3 DOOR HATCHBACK, BRIGHT RED, AIR CON., SERVICE HISTORY 29K	£4,495
10	**FORD FIESTA EDGE** 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, SILVER, AIR CON., SERVICE HISTORY 63K	£4,295
08	**FORD FOCUS ZETEC,** BLUE, SERVICE HISTORY75K	£3,795
11	**RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE TOMTOM 16V,** GREY, AIR CON., ALLOY WHEELS, SERVICE HISTORY	SOLD
08	**TOYOTA YARIS TR,** SILVER, ONE OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY 68K	£3,495
11	**PEUGEOT 107 ENVY SPECIAL EDITION,** GREY, £20 ROAD TAX 44K	£3,375
57	**SKODA FABIA 1.2,** BLACK, ALLOY WHEELS, AIR CON., 28K	£3,195
07	**RENAULT CLIO EXTREME,** 3 DOOR, SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY	SOLD
05	**HONDA JAZZ 1.2 DSI,** 5 DOOR, ORANGE, CENTRAL LOCKING	SOLD

COMMERCIALS PLUS VAT

65	**VW TRANSPORTER 2.0 TDI,** WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, ONE OWNER 4K	£13,495
13	**FORD TRANSIT TIPPER CREW CAB,** WHITE, ELECT.WINDOWS, REVSERSING CAMERA, BUILT IN SCALES, SERVICE HISTORY	SOLD
13	**TOYOTA HILUX HL2 D-4D 4X4 DCB,** WHITE, ONE OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY 58K	£10,995
64	**PEUGEOT EXPERT HDI,** WHITE, TWIN SIDE DOORS, AIR CON., SHELVING IN REAR 40K	£7,795
13	**FORD TRANSIT SWB T280 100 bhp,** 6 SPEED, SIDE DOOR, WHITE, SERVICE HISTORY 45K	£7,495
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60	**VAUXHALL VIVARO 2900 CDTI LWB,** BLUE, AIR CON., ELEC. WINDOWS, FULL RACKING AND SHELVING, SERVICE HISTORY 49K	£6,995
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62	**VW CADDY C20 PLUS Tdi,** WHITE, SIDE DOOR, SERVICE HISTORY 61K	£5,495
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2011 60	**LAND ROVER FREELANDER XS 2.2 TD4,** Manual, Metallic Grey, 60,000 miles, Sat Nav, FSH	£11,499
2009 59	**MERCEDES C250 BLUE-EFY ELEGANCE CDi AUTO,** Silver with Black Leather, 40,900 Miles, FSH	SOLD
2013 63	**MERCEDES C220 CDi EXECUTIVE ESTATE,** Red, Leather, Sat Nav, Sun Roof, 1 owner, 54,000 miles FSH	SOLD
2011 11	**MERCEDES E350 SE CDi CONVERTIBLE AUTO,** Stanite Grey Metallic with Almond Leather & Walnut Trim, One Owner, 45,600 Miles, Many Extras, FSH	SOLD
2014 64	**MINI COOPER D hatchback,** 5 Door, manual, Orange, Leather, 1 Owner, 36,000 miles	£10,999
2014 14	**NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 1.5 DCi PREMIUM,** Bright Red, 33,400 Miles, FSH, Pan Roof, Zero Road Tax,	£12,499
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2013 63	**VOLVO V60 R-Design 1.6 DIESEL ESTATE,** Manual, metallic Blue, 55,000 miles, FSH	£10,999
2010 10	**VOLVO XC60 R-DESIGN D5 AWD AUTO,** Black with Full Leather, 61,000 Miles, FSH	£12,999
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shrewsbury	12	9	3	0	18	8	30
Wigan Ath	12	9	1	2	22	7	28
Bradford City	12	8	2	2	22	13	26
Rotherham Utd.	12	7	0	5	22	13	21
P'borough Utd.	11	6	2	3	22	17	20
Charlton Ath	11	6	2	3	19	15	20
Blackburn Rvrs	10	6	1	3	15	8	19
S'thorpe Utd	12	5	4	3	12	7	19
Fleetwood	11	6	1	4	20	19	19
Oxford Utd	12	5	3	4	21	14	18
Blackpool	11	5	3	3	16	13	18
Bristol Rvrs	12	6	0	6	23	23	18
Portsmouth	12	5	2	5	16	14	17
MK Dons	12	5	2	5	12	15	17
Southend Utd	12	4	4	4	17	22	16
Walsall	12	3	5	4	16	21	14
Doncaster Rvrs	12	3	3	6	15	15	12
Rochdale	12	2	5	5	10	14	11
Oldham Ath	11	3	1	7	17	26	10
Bury	11	2	3	6	12	17	9
Wimbledon	12	2	3	7	5	14	9
Northampton	12	2	2	8	8	22	8
Gillingham	12	1	4	7	6	16	7
P'mouth Argyle	12	1	2	9	8	21	5

Vanarama National

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Macclesfield	15	9	2	4	17	15	29
Dover Ath	15	8	4	3	20	10	28
Woking	15	9	1	5	23	19	28
Sutton Utd	15	8	3	4	21	19	27
Wrexham	15	7	5	3	13	8	26
Dagenham & R	15	6	6	3	27	19	24
Bromley	15	7	3	5	22	17	24
Aldershot	15	6	5	4	24	17	23
Maidstone Utd.	15	6	5	4	20	18	23
FC Halifax	15	6	5	4	16	14	23
Boreham Wd	15	6	4	5	23	18	22
M'head Utd	15	6	4	5	23	21	22
Hartlepool Utd.	15	6	4	5	15	15	22
Ebbsfleet Utd	15	4	9	2	21	17	21
Tranmere Rvrs	15	5	5	5	11	10	20
Gateshead	15	4	6	5	17	15	18
Leyton Orient	15	5	3	7	21	26	18
Eastleigh	14	3	7	4	14	14	16
AFC Fylde	15	3	7	5	22	25	16
Barrow	15	2	7	6	16	18	13
Chester	14	2	6	6	12	21	12
Guiseley	15	1	7	7	10	26	10
Solihull Moors	15	2	2	11	14	27	8
Torquay Utd	15	1	4	10	15	28	7

Vanarama National North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harrogate	13	10	2	1	37	13	32
Salford City	13	9	2	2	22	10	29
Blyth Spartans	13	8	0	5	34	24	24
Spennymoor	13	7	3	3	26	16	24
Brackley	13	6	5	2	20	10	23
York City	13	6	3	4	21	15	21
Chorley	13	6	3	4	16	13	21
Tamworth	13	6	2	5	20	19	20
Bradford PA	13	5	4	4	17	16	19
Stockport Cnty	13	5	3	5	24	17	18
Darlington	14	4	6	4	18	16	18
Kidderminster	13	5	3	5	19	19	18
AFC Telford Utd	13	6	0	7	19	24	18
Alfreton	13	5	2	6	21	20	17
Curzon Ashton	14	4	5	5	16	23	17
Southport	13	5	2	6	17	25	17
Leamington	13	4	2	7	15	24	14
Nuneaton	13	3	3	7	18	25	12
Boston Utd	13	3	3	7	16	25	12
FC Utd of Man	13	3	2	8	19	27	11
Gainsborough	13	3	2	8	18	27	11
Nth Ferriby Utd	13	1	3	9	7	32	6

Evo-Stik League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warrington	14	9	3	2	30	15	30
Shaw Lane	14	10	0	4	26	14	30
Altrincham	14	9	2	3	32	14	29
Farsley Celtic	15	9	2	4	28	24	29
Stourbridge	14	8	3	3	23	15	27
Workington	16	7	4	5	25	19	25
Barwell	15	7	3	5	24	18	24
Lancaster City	13	6	5	2	21	13	23
Ashton Utd	13	7	2	4	25	21	23
Coalville	16	7	2	7	25	23	23
Hednesford	16	7	2	7	19	25	23
Grantham	15	7	1	7	32	19	22
Buxton	13	7	0	6	20	16	21
Witton Albion	16	6	3	7	19	20	21
Whitby	16	6	2	8	22	28	20
Matlock	16	5	3	8	23	26	18
Stafford Rgrs	12	5	2	5	18	18	17
Mickleover Spts	15	5	2	8	20	22	17
S'bridge Celtic	15	5	1	9	18	26	16
Nantwich	14	3	4	7	17	25	13
Marine	16	3	4	9	19	29	13
Halesowen	15	3	3	9	14	28	12
Sutton Coldfield	15	3	3	9	16	42	12
Rushall Olympic	14	3	2	9	17	33	11

Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cleethorpes	11	8	3	0	30	10	27
Basford Utd	10	8	2	0	22	10	26
S'bridge PS	12	6	2	4	32	17	20
Frickley Ath	12	6	1	5	28	20	19
Leek	12	5	3	4	17	12	18
L'borough Dyn	12	5	3	4	20	24	18
Alvechurch	9	5	2	2	21	14	17
Stamford	12	4	5	3	16	11	17
Newcastle	12	5	2	5	19	17	17
Bedworth Utd	12	5	2	5	18	17	17
Spalding Utd	12	5	2	5	13	18	17
Lincoln Utd	11	4	3	4	20	22	15
Belper	11	4	3	4	15	19	15
Chasetown	11	4	3	4	15	21	15
Corby	12	4	2	6	20	22	14
Kidsgrove Ath	11	4	2	5	17	19	14
Market Drayton	12	3	4	5	14	15	13
P'borough Spts	11	3	4	4	17	22	13
Carlton	10	3	2	5	12	11	11
Sheffield	13	2	5	6	21	30	11
Romulus	12	2	2	8	14	35	8
Gresley	12	1	3	8	13	28	6

Hallmark Security Football League

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Silsden AFC	11	11	0	0	26	7	33
Prestwich Heys	12	8	1	3	38	16	25
L'lnd REMYCA	10	8	1	1	24	7	25
Alsager	11	8	1	2	25	14	25
Sandbach Utd	12	7	1	4	28	17	22
Whitchurch A	9	6	2	1	23	6	20
Stockport	11	6	1	4	26	20	19
AFC Blackpool	11	6	0	5	21	19	18
Carlisle City	12	5	2	5	22	16	17
New Mills	11	5	2	4	23	26	17
Cammell Laird	12	5	1	6	26	24	16
Abbey H Utd	12	3	6	3	14	16	15
Cheadle	11	4	2	5	17	21	14
Holker OB	12	4	2	6	17	33	14
Bacup Borough	7	3	2	2	9	11	11
Chadderton	11	2	5	4	20	23	11
Atherton LR	10	3	1	6	13	17	10
St Helens	11	3	1	7	13	21	10
Eccleshall	11	1	3	7	16	31	6
Nelson	10	1	2	7	7	23	5
Daisy Hill	12	1	2	9	11	31	5
FC Oswestry	11	1	0	10	13	33	3

Midland Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coleshill	13	10	2	1	28	14	32
B'grove Sptg	10	8	1	1	22	7	25
Worcester City	11	7	2	2	33	14	23
Sptg Khalsa	11	6	3	2	25	13	21
Coventry Utd	11	6	2	3	27	14	20
Heanor	10	6	1	3	21	18	19
Rugby	11	5	3	3	16	9	18
Cov Sphinx	12	5	3	4	17	19	18
Wulfrunians	10	6	0	4	16	19	18
Lye	11	4	5	2	15	12	17
Stourport Swifts	12	5	2	5	23	26	17
Shepshed Dyn	10	5	1	4	25	13	16
Highgate Utd	10	4	2	4	15	14	14
L'borough Unity	11	3	1	7	12	19	10
Westfields	6	3	0	3	14	13	9
Long Eaton Utd	11	2	3	6	16	22	9
Haughmond	9	2	2	5	10	16	8
Rocester	10	2	2	6	16	29	8
S N'manton Ath	11	2	1	8	9	26	7
Shawbury Utd	10	2	0	8	11	19	6
Boldmere	9	1	2	6	11	27	5
Quorn	11	1	2	8	12	31	5

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Walsall Wood	10	9	0	1	34	6	27
Studley	11	8	2	1	24	12	26
Hinckley AFC	11	7	1	3	37	20	22
Atherstone	10	6	2	2	28	16	20
Leicester Road	9	6	1	2	19	11	19
Ilkeston	12	5	3	4	21	15	18
Lichfield City	10	4	5	1	26	21	17
Heather St J	9	5	1	3	31	20	16
Cov C'wood	12	5	1	6	16	19	16
Littleton	10	5	0	5	20	15	15
Paget Rgrs	10	4	3	3	19	15	15
RC Warwick	10	4	3	3	17	17	15
Chelmsley	10	5	0	5	13	25	15
Heath Hayes	10	4	2	4	28	24	14
Uttoxeter	13	4	1	8	20	29	13
Stafford	12	4	0	8	19	25	12
Bolehall Swifts	11	3	2	6	12	28	11
Pershore	10	3	0	7	18	26	9
Brocton	9	2	2	5	17	23	8
Cadbury Ath	10	1	4	5	15	22	7
Nuneaton Griff	10	2	1	7	9	25	7
Coventry Alvis	11	2	0	9	7	36	6

West Midlands (Regional) League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'Ton Spt Com	11	10	0	1	58	9	30
Cradley	13	8	2	3	25	16	26
Ellesmere Rgrs	12	8	1	3	34	18	25
Tividale	11	8	1	2	28	12	25
Wednesfield	13	8	0	5	32	29	24
Malvern	10	7	1	2	29	20	22
BC Rgrs	14	6	4	4	33	30	22
Bewdley	11	6	2	3	28	17	20
W'Ton Casuals	11	6	1	4	43	22	19
Wellington	10	6	0	4	31	24	18
Smethwick	12	5	1	6	25	27	16
AFC Bridgnorth	12	5	1	6	22	24	16
Hereford LC	14	5	1	8	27	35	16
Bilston Com	12	4	3	5	26	29	15
Shifnal	11	4	1	6	20	25	13
Dudley Sports	13	4	1	8	22	36	13
Dudley	12	2	2	8	14	34	8
Pegasus Jnrs	13	2	2	9	18	39	8
Stone OA	10	2	0	8	14	32	6
Wellington Ams	13	0	2	11	10	61	2

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Team Dudley	10	7	2	1	35	13	23
Worcs Raiders	9	7	1	1	29	17	22
Darlaston	9	5	4	0	28	15	19
Newport	9	5	2	2	36	13	17
Tipton	9	5	2	2	23	17	17
Old Wulfrunians	9	5	2	2	14	11	17
Bustleholme	10	5	1	4	28	24	16
Allscott	8	4	1	3	18	12	13
Bromyard	8	4	1	3	19	18	13
Wem	9	4	1	4	13	16	13
St Martins	8	4	0	4	19	16	12
Telford Juniors	10	3	1	6	20	26	10
Gornal Ath	8	2	2	4	18	20	8
Kington	10	2	0	8	16	25	6
Wyrley	9	1	1	7	8	33	4
Wrens Nest	5	1	0	4	10	14	3
Willenhall	10	0	1	9	8	52	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sikh Hunters	10	9	1	0	37	11	28
W'Ton Utd	9	6	1	2	17	8	19
Warstone Wdrs	8	6	0	2	42	25	18
Bewdley Res	7	5	2	0	29	11	17
Wonder Vaults	10	5	2	3	29	20	17
Gornal Colts	8	4	2	2	23	22	14
AFC Bilbrook	9	3	4	2	21	16	13
Rock Rvrs	9	3	4	2	19	21	13
AFC Broseley	9	2	4	3	13	20	10
Ludlow	8	2	3	3	19	23	9
FC Darlaston	10	2	3	5	15	24	9
Wednesbury	7	1	4	2	11	13	7
Mkt D'ton Res	8	1	3	4	9	20	6
Oldbury Utd	10	1	2	7	16	31	5
Church Stretton	7	1	0	6	11	21	3
Bridgnorth Dev	9	0	1	8	9	34	1

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bangor City	8	6	0	2	13	8	18
The New Saints	7	5	1	1	16	5	16
Cardiff Met Unity	8	5	1	2	12	5	16
Connahs Quay N	7	5	0	2	10	3	15
Llandudno	8	4	1	3	10	6	13
Cefn Druids	8	3	3	2	10	11	12
Barry United	8	3	2	3	7	5	11
Newtown	8	2	3	3	9	8	9
Prestatyn	8	2	3	3	9	13	9
Bala Town	8	2	1	5	6	14	7
Aberystwyth	8	0	3	5	4	15	3
Carmarthen AFC	8	1	0	7	9	22	3

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caernarfon	9	7	1	1	36	9	22
Airbus Broughton	9	7	0	2	22	12	21
Holywell	9	4	4	1	26	20	16
Denbigh	8	5	0	3	19	18	15
H'head Hotspur	7	4	2	1	14	8	14
Guilsfield	8	4	2	2	13	11	14
Porthmadog	9	4	1	4	22	17	13
Rhyl	8	2	5	1	17	12	11
Flint United	8	3	2	3	13	12	11
Ruthin	9	3	1	5	18	17	10
Penrhyncoch	8	2	2	4	13	15	8
Gresford Athletic	8	2	2	4	13	19	8
Caersws	8	2	1	5	14	23	7
FC Queens Park	9	1	2	6	13	35	5
Ll'dno Junction	9	0	1	8	11	36	1

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Welshpool	10	7	2	1	34	13	23
Llanidloes	9	7	0	2	21	14	21
Llanrhaeadr	8	6	0	2	28	7	18
Radnor Valley	10	5	1	4	26	22	16
Llanfair United	10	5	1	4	23	21	16
Bow Street	8	4	2	2	17	10	14
Knighton	9	4	1	4	25	17	13
Tywyn Bryncrug	8	4	1	3	19	19	13
Carno	9	3	3	3	17	17	12
Kerry	8	3	2	3	21	24	11
Ll'dod Wells	9	3	0	6	14	18	9
Berriew	7	2	2	3	12	18	8
Churchstoke	7	2	1	4	9	16	7
Aberaeron	7	2	0	5	12	15	6
Borth Utd	9	2	0	7	7	28	6
Machynlleth	8	1	0	7	8	34	3

Shrewsbury Athletic Club women's team finished fourth in the opening race of the North Wales Cross Country League at Wrexham last weekend. Sara Willhoit claimed second place and team mate Lauren Morley was tenth.

■ Pictured (from left): Gill Evans, Sara Willhoit, Sheila Richards, Anne Byrne and Lauren Morley.

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Builth Wells	7	6	1	0	19	3	19
Presteigne St A	8	5	0	3	16	18	15
Llansantffraid	6	4	2	0	22	9	14
Hay St Marys	7	3	1	3	12	10	10
Newbridge-on-W	8	3	1	4	20	19	10
Dyffryn Banw	7	3	1	3	15	15	10
Dolgellau	5	3	0	2	11	9	9
Brecon N'cote	6	3	0	3	13	14	9
Talgarth	7	2	1	4	12	13	7
Abermule	5	2	1	2	11	14	7
Aberystwyth Uni	5	2	0	3	19	9	6
Montgomery	5	1	2	2	10	13	5
Penybont Utd	8	0	0	8	6	40	0

Shropshire Premier League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport Res	6	4	1	1	26	11	13
Oakengates Ath	5	4	1	0	16	7	13
Shrewsbury Jnrs	5	4	0	1	15	12	12
Clee Hill United	6	3	0	3	25	14	9
Prees	4	3	0	1	17	11	9
O'gates Rgrs Yth	5	2	0	3	17	16	6
Madeley Sports	5	2	0	3	9	11	6
Shifnal United 97	4	1	0	3	5	14	3
Gobowen Celtic	5	0	2	3	13	27	2
Craven Arms	5	0	0	5	3	23	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coven United	5	4	1	0	21	7	13
St Martins Village	6	4	1	1	19	7	13
Stoke Heath	5	3	0	2	21	18	9
Madeley Spt Res	4	3	0	1	8	8	9
W'dine Wd Jnrs	5	2	0	3	18	15	6
Brown Clee	2	1	0	1	8	5	3
Albrighton	5	1	0	4	10	13	3
Claverley	3	1	0	2	7	15	3
Denso	5	0	0	5	5	29	0

J T Hughes Montgomeryshire Amateur League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Four Crosses	6	4	2	0	19	10	14
Guilsfield Res	7	4	2	1	24	15	14
Bishops Castle	6	4	1	1	23	10	13
Trewern Utd	5	3	1	1	14	12	10
Llanfair Res	6	3	0	3	18	15	9
Waterloo Rovers	7	2	2	3	18	12	8
Meifod	6	2	1	3	8	9	7
Llanymynech	7	2	1	4	11	23	7
Maesyrhandir	5	2	0	3	13	15	6
Caersws Res	4	1	0	3	6	22	3
Llanfyllin	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Forden Utd	7	7	0	0	44	9	21
Llangedwyn	8	7	0	1	42	13	21
Abermule Res	6	4	1	1	19	12	13
Kerry Res	6	3	1	2	18	18	10
Churchstoke Res	8	2	4	2	19	24	10
Trefonen	4	3	0	1	9	4	9
Newtown Wdrs	4	1	2	1	7	12	5
Welshpool Res	5	1	1	3	8	17	4
Carno Res	6	1	0	5	12	16	3
Llanrhaeadr Res	5	1	0	4	12	30	3
Llanfyllin Res	4	0	1	3	3	20	1
Llanfechain	5	0	0	5	7	25	0

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Iinstones United	4	4	0	0	24	9	12
Beacon	3	3	0	0	12	2	9
Radbrook	5	2	2	1	11	9	8
Compasses	5	2	2	1	11	13	8
Cruckton Rovers	3	2	0	1	11	9	6
Telegraph	6	1	3	2	18	18	6
Loppington	5	2	0	3	10	16	6
The Gates	6	1	2	3	13	20	5
Kinnerley	4	1	0	3	9	12	3
Coton Rovers	5	0	1	4	12	23	1

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
White Lion	5	4	0	1	17	16	12
Snailbeach	3	3	0	0	20	2	9
Bomere Heath	4	2	1	1	14	8	7
Unison	4	2	1	1	11	14	7
Norbury	3	2	0	1	14	3	6
S.A.H.A.	5	2	0	3	9	12	6
Red Barne	5	1	1	3	13	12	4
Harlescott Rgrs	4	1	0	3	7	10	3
Afc Fountain	5	0	1	4	9	37	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beeches	5	5	0	0	27	11	15
Bull In The Barne	6	5	0	1	15	9	15
Dudleston Heath	4	3	0	1	18	10	9
Dun Cow	4	2	0	2	17	15	6
Charles Darwin	4	2	0	2	12	11	6
Heath Farm Rgrs	5	2	0	3	13	22	6
Wheatsheaf	5	1	1	3	9	14	4
Brockton Rovers	5	1	1	3	13	21	4
Onslow	4	1	0	3	10	12	3
Minsterley Rgrs	4	0	0	4	9	18	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Craven Arms	5	5	0	0	22	6	15
Dorrington	5	4	1	0	9	4	13
Crown A F'gate	5	3	1	1	23	9	10
Boca Seniors	4	2	2	0	13	4	8
Dolphin Afc	6	2	2	2	20	16	8
Rock Rovers	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Old PO Wem	3	1	1	1	8	9	4
Unicorn	4	1	0	3	7	19	3
Compasses BH	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Dun Cow Youth	5	0	0	5	7	16	0
Coracle United	3	0	0	3	0	22	0

Telford Flooring - Telford Sunday League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitehorse Ath	5	5	0	0	20	8	15
Dawley	4	3	1	0	20	9	10
Shifnal Nth End	5	3	1	1	22	16	10
Celtic Spartans	5	2	1	2	17	11	7
Riverside	5	2	1	2	11	15	7
Joiners Arms	4	1	1	2	11	14	4
The Talbot	3	0	2	1	4	6	2
Travellers Joy	5	0	1	4	6	22	1
Captain Webb	4	0	0	4	6	16	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telford Rangers	6	3	2	1	19	14	11
AFC Broseley	4	3	0	1	30	3	9
W'dine Wd Wdrs	4	3	0	1	17	5	9
Bulls Head DBV	5	3	0	2	12	15	9
St Georges	3	2	1	0	10	6	7
Britannia	6	1	2	3	11	26	5
Black Horse	3	1	1	1	5	12	4
Crown . Dawley	5	1	0	4	8	16	3
Kings Arms MD	4	0	0	4	5	20	0

English Rugby Clubs

National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stourbridge	6	6	0	0	231	96	30
Tynedale	6	6	0	0	214	118	29
Sale	6	4	1	1	190	94	22
South Leicester	6	4	1	1	201	168	22
Sedgley Park	6	4	0	2	203	158	21
Hinckley	6	4	0	2	204	136	20
Luctonians	6	3	0	3	130	145	14
Leicester Lions	6	2	0	4	151	169	14
Chester	6	3	0	3	115	159	13
Huddersfield	6	2	1	3	138	142	13
Otley	6	2	1	3	126	165	12
Macclesfield	6	2	0	4	144	137	11
Sheffield Tigers	6	2	0	4	88	215	8
Wharfedale	6	1	0	5	73	149	6
Blaydon	6	1	0	5	106	207	6
Sheffield	6	0	0	6	119	175	5

Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
P'borough Lns	5	5	0	0	186	82	25
B'ham & Solihull	5	5	0	0	222	75	24
Newport, Salop	5	4	0	1	247	72	21
Doncaster P'nix	5	3	0	2	171	142	16
Derby	5	3	0	2	131	151	15
Longton	5	2	0	3	128	178	13
Lichfield	5	2	0	3	107	207	13
Nuneaton	5	2	0	3	115	125	12
Sandbach	5	2	0	3	128	159	12
N'bold on Avon	5	2	0	3	121	168	12
Bournville	5	2	0	3	120	165	10
Scunthorpe	5	2	0	3	101	154	10
Bridgnorth	5	1	0	4	127	127	8
Old Halesonians	5	0	0	5	82	181	3

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bromsgrove	5	5	0	0	163	127	22
Rugby Lns	5	4	1	0	145	92	22
Burton	5	4	0	1	235	70	22
Dudley Kings	5	3	0	2	168	110	17
Lutterworth	5	3	0	2	148	120	17
Moseley Oak	5	3	0	2	112	83	15
Hereford	5	2	1	2	112	102	13
Worcester	5	2	1	2	94	127	11
Stoke on Trent	5	1	2	2	97	141	8
Melbourne	5	1	1	3	91	110	8
Camp Hill	5	1	0	4	92	127	7
Stourbridge Lns	5	1	0	4	78	123	6
Wolverhampton	5	1	0	4	67	191	6
Sutton Coldfield	5	1	0	4	81	160	4

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitchurch	3	3	0	0	99	15	14
Spartans, Mids	3	3	0	0	58	34	13
Leek	3	2	1	0	52	38	11
Veseyans	3	2	1	0	53	46	11
N'castle, Staffs	3	2	0	1	70	19	10
Crewe & N'wich	3	2	0	1	62	67	9
Walsall	3	1	0	2	59	73	7
Kidderminster	3	1	0	2	64	73	6
Tamworth	3	1	0	2	63	98	5
Cleobury M	3	0	0	3	28	83	2
Old Saltleians	3	0	0	3	19	36	1
Ludlow	3	0	0	3	40	85	1

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telford Hornets	3	3	0	0	122	17	14
Cannock	3	3	0	0	120	50	14
Burntwood	3	3	0	0	79	37	14
Stafford	3	2	0	1	75	47	10
Trentham	3	1	0	2	96	89	7
Willenhall	3	1	0	2	77	76	7
Handsworth	3	1	0	2	91	110	5
Harborne	3	1	0	2	38	82	5
Edwardians	3	1	0	2	49	107	5
Barton-U-N'wd	3	1	0	2	41	121	5
Shrewsbury	3	1	0	2	43	61	4
Uttoxeter	3	0	0	3	64	98	2

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wednesbury	3	2	0	1	117	14	11
Eccleshall	3	2	0	1	72	38	10
Rugeley	3	2	0	1	71	59	10
Aston OE	2	2	0	0	42	28	9
Clee Hill	3	2	0	1	37	67	9
Market Drayton	3	2	0	1	57	61	8
Yardley & Dist	3	1	0	2	11	28	6
Essington	3	1	0	2	58	77	5
Five Ways OE	2	0	0	2	32	52	1
Bloxwich	2	1	0	1	38	28	0
Church Stretton	3	0	0	3	5	88	0

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greyhound	2	2	0	0	52	29	9
St Leonards	2	1	0	1	70	44	6
Bishops Castle	2	1	0	1	42	29	6
Linley	2	1	0	1	50	32	5
Stourport	2	1	0	1	48	36	5
Chaddesley C	2	1	0	1	43	34	5
Warley	2	1	0	1	22	58	4
Gnosall	2	0	0	2	24	89	0

Midlands 5 West South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keresley	2	2	0	0	0	0	10
Aldridge	2	2	0	0	62	28	9
Kings Norton	2	1	0	1	16	17	6
Rugby Welsh	2	1	0	1	20	13	5
B'ham Exiles	2	1	0	1	25	33	4
Atherstone	2	1	0	1	16	26	4
Copsewood	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Trinity Guild	2	0	0	2	17	39	0

Northern Division South Lancs/ Cheshire Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool Coll	6	6	0	0	258	54	29
Winnington Pk	6	6	0	0	223	42	27
Heaton Moor	6	5	0	1	310	62	26
Aspull	6	5	0	1	175	131	23
Oswestry	6	3	0	3	124	117	18
Marple	6	3	0	3	158	89	16
Orrell	6	3	0	3	175	149	16
Dukinfield	6	3	0	3	179	120	14
Didsbury Toc H	6	2	0	4	170	126	13
Wigan	6	2	0	4	96	132	11
Congleton	6	2	0	4	103	151	11
Port Sunlight	6	2	0	4	164	178	10
Oldershaw	6	0	0	6	44	390	1
Vagabonds IOM	6	0	0	6	25	463	0

Tanners Claret Shropshire Bowling League

Shropshire Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Ludlow Castle	26	17	8	1	237
Telepost	26	20	6	0	227
Pontesbury A	26	16	10	0	217
Elephant & Castle	26	17	9	0	216
Castlefields	26	17	9	0	205
Prince Hotel A	26	14	12	0	196
Battlefield	26	11	15	0	173
Whittington	26	11	15	0	169
Meole Brace A	26	10	16	0	165
Ifton	26	11	15	0	160
Hanwood	26	12	14	0	156
Abbey A	26	9	16	1	147
George	26	10	16	0	146
POWBC	26	6	20	0	127

Shropshire Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Crescent	26	19	7	0	239
OSBC	26	17	9	0	220
Bishops Castle	26	16	10	0	215
Craven Arms	26	14	12	0	200
Pontesbury B	26	14	12	0	190
Prince Hotel B	26	12	14	0	188
Bicton A	26	16	10	0	187
Meole Brace V	26	15	11	0	186
Unison	26	13	13	0	170
Frankwell	26	10	16	0	162
Oxon Village	26	11	15	0	155
Greenfields Social	26	9	17	0	152
Wem BC	26	10	16	0	144
Bayston Hill	26	6	20	0	140

Shropshire Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Hadnall	20	15	5	0	190
Burway	20	13	7	0	174
Church Club	20	13	7	0	172
Oxon	20	15	5	0	166
Albert Road BC	20	11	9	0	155
Bagley	20	11	9	0	146
Wem USC	20	11	9	0	145
Severnside St Julians	20	11	9	0	133
Abbey B	20	7	13	0	120
Bicton B	20	2	18	0	70
Worthen & Brockton	20	1	19	0	69

Shrewsbury Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Castlefields B	20	16	4	0	167
Pontesbury A	20	17	3	0	164
Prince Hotel A	20	14	6	0	149
Crescent A	20	13	7	0	140
Telepost A	20	13	7	0	137
Hanwood A	20	11	9	0	127
Abbey A	20	8	12	0	104
Meole Brace A	20	6	14	0	94
OSBC B	20	6	14	0	86
Oxon Village	20	3	17	0	84
St Julians	20	3	17	0	68

Shrewsbury Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Battlefield A	22	18	4	0	180
Pontesbury B	22	12	10	0	149
Bicton A	22	13	8	1	145
Prince Hotel B	22	13	9	0	142
Abbey B	22	13	9	0	136
Unison	22	11	11	0	136
Corbet Arms	22	13	9	0	134
Meole Brace V	22	10	12	0	125
Albert Road BC	22	7	14	1	123
Battlefield B	22	8	14	0	107
Bayston Hill A	22	7	15	0	104
Greenfields Social A	22	6	16	0	103

Shrewsbury Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Monkmoor A	22	16	6	0	163
Bagley A	22	13	9	0	156
POWBC A	22	15	7	0	152
Meole Brace B	22	12	10	0	144
Oxon	22	13	9	0	138
Telepost B	22	12	10	0	133
Dorrington	22	9	13	0	128
Castlefields C	22	11	11	0	126
Bicton B	22	9	13	0	125
Frankwell	22	10	12	0	122
Hanwood B	22	7	15	0	100
Osbc A	22	5	17	0	97

Shrewsbury Division 4

	P	W	L	D	P
POWBC B	22	19	3	0	194
Crescent B	22	21	1	0	189
Pontesbury C	22	15	7	0	168
Greenfields Social B	22	15	7	0	165
Elephant & Castle	22	14	8	0	146
Meole Brace C	22	14	8	0	145
Pontesbury D	22	11	11	0	133
Worthen & Brockton	22	7	15	0	110
Bayston Hill B	22	6	16	0	100
Severnside	22	7	15	0	100
Bagley B	22	3	19	0	69
Monkmoor B	22	0	22	0	65

Midland Men's Hockey League

1st Team League

Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth	1	1	0	0	7	3	3
Edgbaston	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Boots	1	1	0	0	6	5	3
Barford Tigers	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
North Stafford	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Stone	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Old Halesonians	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Warwick Uni	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Sutton Coldfield	1	0	0	1	5	6	0
Warwick	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
N'mpton Saints	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
H'pton-in-Arden	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burton	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
Sikh U (Notts)	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Cov'try & N War.	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Coalville	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Finchfield	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Stratford	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Telford & Wrekin	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Chesterfield	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Streetly	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Old Silhillians	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Notts Players	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Bloxwich	1	0	0	1	1	6	0

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bromsgrove	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Sikh Union (Cov)	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Aldridge & W'sall	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Ludlow	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Solihull B'field	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Market Drayton	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Stafford	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Berks& Bal Com.	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Shrewsbury	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
West Bromwich	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
K Heath Pickwick	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Old Wulfrunians	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Wolverhampton	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Droitwich Spa	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Beta - WMI	1	1	0	0	2	1	0*
Alpha - WMI	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Newtown	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Leamington	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Wednesbury	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Yardley	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

2nd Team League

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stone	1	1	0	0	7	3	3
Warwick	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Finchfield	1	1	0	0	6	4	3
Old Silhillians	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Old Halesonians	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Redditch	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Telford & Wrekin	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Bournville	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Bloxwich	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
H'pton-in-Arden	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Streetly	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
North Stafford	1	0	0	1	3	7	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shrewsbury	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Solihull B'field	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
K Heath Pickwick	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Market Drayton	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
West Bromwich	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Old Wulfrunians	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Aldridge & W'sall	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Stafford	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Wednesbury	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Bromsgrove	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Droitwich Spa	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Wolverhampton	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

3rd Team League

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bournville	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Bridgnorth	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Old Halesonians	1	1	0	0	6	4	3
Bloxwich	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
North Stafford	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Bromsgrove	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Finchfield	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Stone	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Telford & Wrekin	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Stratford	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
Old Silhillians	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Stafford	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Streetly	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Redditch	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Aldridge & Walsall	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Old Wulfrunians	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Solihull Bl'field	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Wolverhampton	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Market Drayton	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Leamington	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Central League

North West 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth IV	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Bridgnorth VI	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Finchfield IV	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Bridgnorth V	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Lichfield V	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
North Stafford IV	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Old Wulf IV	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Lichfield VI	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Cannock V	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Sutton Coldfield V	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

North West 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lichfield VII	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
Stafford IV	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
T'ford & Wrek IV	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Leek V	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Sutton C'field VIII	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Old Wulf V	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Stafford V	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Old Wulf VI	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Finchfield V	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Stone V	1	0	0	1	0	7	0

Midlands Women's Hockey League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni of Brum II	3	2	1	0	6	4	7
Beeston	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Leam'ton 1st XI	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
North Notts I	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
Belper I	3	1	2	0	3	0	5
Boots I	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Lichfield 1st XI	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Harborne I	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Leicester II	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
Northampton St I	3	0	0	3	4	9	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni of Notts I	3	3	0	0	20	1	9
Leek 1st XI	3	3	0	0	6	3	9
Uni of Brum III	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Edgbaston 1st XI	3	1	1	1	7	5	4
L'borough Stu II	3	1	1	1	6	5	4
Stourport 2nd XI	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Matlock Bailean I	3	1	0	2	4	10	3
Cannock II	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Shrewsbury I	3	0	1	2	2	11	1
Sutton Coldfield II	3	0	0	3	0	9	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tamworth I	3	3	0	0	12	6	9
Towcester I	3	3	0	0	8	3	9
Kettering I	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
Rug & East War I	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
Belper II	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Ashby I	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Solihull B'field I	3	0	1	2	4	6	1
Stone 1st XI	3	0	1	2	5	11	1
Worcester I	3	0	0	3	5	9	0
Olton & W War II	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telford & Wrekin I	3	3	0	0	14	1	9
Harborne 2nd XI	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
Stratford I	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Lichfield 2nd XI	3	1	1	1	9	8	4
Stafford 1st XI	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Edgbaston2nd XI	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Warwick I	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
North Staffs HC I	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
Bournville I	3	0	0	3	5	19	0

Shropshire Ladies Hockey League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth I	3	3	0	0	19	2	9
T'ford & Wrekin II	3	2	1	0	12	7	7
Bridgnorth II	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
Wem/MD II	3	1	1	1	4	11	4
Wem/MD II	3	1	0	2	10	8	3
Montgomery	3	1	0	2	8	9	0
Ludlow & W'lock	3	0	0	3	0	10	0
Shrewsbury III	3	0	1	2	1	11	-2

Arthur Hawkins Newport District Domino League

	P	W	F	L	P
Lion	2	2	12	2	16
Legion Aces	2	2	11	3	15
Cricket B	2	2	10	4	14
Cricket A	2	2	10	4	14
Wheatsheaf Bees	2	1	9	5	9
Bowling Club B	2	1	8	6	8
Bowling Club A	2	0	5	9	5
Three Horseshoes	2	0	3	11	3
Childs Ercall Club	2	0	3	11	3
Wheatsheaf Wasps	2	0	3	11	3

Results

Bowling Club A 2 Legion Aces 5; Cricket B 4 Wheatsheaf Bees 3; Three Horseshoes 2 Cricket A 5; Childs Ercall Club 2 Bowling Club B 5; Wheatsheaf Wasps 1 Lion 6

Bridgnorth Snooker League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Shifnal B	5	5	0	22	3	27
St John's	5	5	0	22	3	27
Chelmarsh B	5	4	1	19	6	23
Broseley B	5	4	1	17	8	21
Alveley B	5	2	3	9	16	11
Highley Wmc	5	2	3	8	17	10
Maddocks A	5	1	4	8	17	9
Alveley C	4	1	3	6	14	7
Chelmarsh D	5	0	5	5	20	5
10. Broseley A	4	0	4	4	6	4

Shrewsbury Invitational Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
FCC	6	4	0	2	32	16	10
Telegraph	6	4	0	2	30	18	10
Rock & Fountain	6	4	1	1	32	16	9
POW	6	3	1	2	29	19	8
Heathgates	6	3	1	2	27	21	8
Compasses	5	2	0	3	26	16	7
HSC	6	1	0	5	27	21	7
BVT	6	2	2	2	26	22	6
Cross Foxes	6	2	2	2	23	25	6
Brooklands	6	2	3	1	19	29	5
Dog & Pheasant	6	1	3	2	22	26	4
Postal	6	1	3	2	21	27	4
Masonic	5	1	2	2	17	23	4
Anchor	6	1	4	1	19	29	3
Telepost	6	1	4	1	16	32	3
Albion	6	0	6	0	12	36	0

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Domino League

	P	D	L	F	A	P	
BL Oswestry A	4	3	1	0	20	4	7
BH Maesbrook	4	2	2	0	16	8	6
Lion L'tffraid	4	2	1	1	15	9	5
T P Oswestry	4	2	1	1	14	10	5
T W L Oswestry	3	1	2	0	10	8	4
Bell Oswestry	3	2	0	1	8	10	4
B L Oswestry B	3	0	3	0	9	9	3
Station L'tffraid	4	1	1	2	11	13	3
B Arms Knockin	3	1	1	1	8	10	3
Penybont Inn	4	1	1	2	9	15	3
W'stay Inn L'silin	4	0	2	2	9	15	2
Oak Oswestry	4	0	2	2	7	17	2
George Oswestry	4	0	1	3	8	16	1

Results

Station 2 Three Pigeons 4; Black Horse 5 Wynnstay Inn 1; Penybont Inn 1 Lion Llansantffraid 5; Bradford Arms 3 Top White Lion 3; Bell 4 George 2; Oak 0 Black Lion A 6; Bye – Black Lion B

Seven-up Welshpool move to top of the table

GOAL-CRAZY Welshpool Town stormed to the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a 7-0 rout away to Machynlleth.

Ricky Litchfield and Ian Probert led the way with a hat-trick apiece, with Adam Davies also finding the net against their struggling hosts.

There was also plenty of goals as KERRY succumbed 5-3 at home to Tywyn Bryncrug, Max McLaughlin netting a hat-trick for the Lambs who were unfortunate not to gain any reward.

Mid-table Knighton Town flexed their muscles with a 7-1 beating of Borth United, Connor Bird flying in with a hat-trick,

Llandrindod Wells were edged out 1-0 by Radnor Valley whose Ieuan Price settled a tight affair with the only goal to take his side up to fourth in the table.

Presteigne moved up to second position in division two after maintaining their winning run with two 2-1 victories in a week at home against Aberystwyth University and Hay St Mary's.

Third placed Llansantffraid Village maintained their fine recent form with a 6-1 beating of Brecon Northcote.

Montgomery finished 2-2 at home to local rivals Dyffryn Banw while Newbridge thrashed struggling Penybont 5-1

Early high fliers Builth Wells continue to lead the way after prevailing 2-0 at Dolgellau to stay four points clear, Richie Powell and Jonathan Samuel with their goals.

After three defeats, Aberystwyth University got back on winning track with a 4-1 home beating of Talgarth, George Taylor getting two of the goals for the students.

Draper goals mean it's curtains for Elgin

GREG Draper struck a goal in each half as The New Saints strolled into the last eight of the IRN BRU Cup after brushing aside Elgin City 4-0 at Park Hall.

After the drama of their penalty shootout victory over Livingston in the previous round, the Welsh Premier champions never looked likely to be involved in such a tight affair against their Scottish second division visitors.

As well as Draper's brace, Aeron Edwards and Jamie Mullan also found the net as Elgin were ruthlessly sent packing after making an arduous 880-mile round trip from the Highlands.

There was no way back for the part-time Black and Whites once the Saints opened up a commanding 3-0 goal lead at half time to effectively settle the tie.

Draper, who also scored twice in the midweek Nathaniel MG Cup victory over Flint Town United, is relishing his return to the starting line-up.

"It's nice to be back, and scoring goals, and hopefully we can keep the run going," he said.

TNS never looked back once they were ahead on 16 minutes when Connell Rawlinson's low pass found man-of-the-match Draper who neatly slipped the ball past his marker before crashing his shot high into the net.

A second goal arrived five minutes before half time when Aeron Edwards surged into the goalmouth to head home Mullan's cross from the left of the box.

Winger Mullan then made it three on the stroke half time when meeting Chris Seargeant's crossfield ball before cutting into the box from the left and steering his low shot into the far corner.

The hosts never looked likely to relinquish their grip in the second period, and made it 4-0 just past the hour mark when substitute Adrian Cieslewicz latched onto a stray clearance before weaving his way into the box on the right and squaring for Draper to tuck away his second of the game.

■ It was a good day all round for TNS boss Scott Ruscoe who was named the Welsh Premier manager of the month for September. His side won three and drew one of their four games, scoring 10 goals while conceding none.

Ladies hit back to progress in FA Cup

DESPITE falling behind early on, TNS Ladies overcame county rivals Shrewsbury Ladies 3-1 at Four Crosses to progress to the first round proper of the SSE FA Women's Cup.

Tania Prior found the net after just 11 minutes for Shrewsbury when firing home after Katie Doster had volleyed across goal.

But the Saints hit back to level five minutes before half time through Kim Bebbington who headed in a right wing cross by Laura Morris at the far post.

Emily Ridge then made it 2-1 seven minutes after the interval before Bebbington got her second of the game when nodding home a Charlotte Canlett Cross on 63 minutes to seal the win.

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TNS under-19s strolled into the second round of the FA of Wales Youth Cup with a 17-0 romp away to Caersws.

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St Martins saw their three match winning run come to an end in the West Midlands League division one after going down 2-0 at Shropshire rivals Wem.

Despite enjoying plenty of the game, the Saints were undone by two first half strikes - the first a cracking volley from Callum Briscoe followed by a breakaway finished off by Dave Walbyoff.

The visitors had their chances, Jackson Hassanyeh forcing a fine save from distance while Shawn Melusi was unable to find the target with a couple of other efforts.

Matthews back with goal for Llanrhaeadr

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

IWAN Matthews scored on his return to the club to help Llanrhaeadr seal their place in the second round of the JD Welsh Cup with a 3-0 passage against visitors Queens Park.

The prolific striker re-signed in midweek after a short spell with Powys neighbours Guilsfield, and struck his side's third goal to clinch a notable victory against their Cymru Alliance visitors.

Llan took charge with two goals midway through the first half, the opener coming on 22 minutes when Dan Graham headed in Khyam Wyton's cross. Graham smashed home his second from the penalty spot four minutes later after Griffiths had been brought down in the box.

The Spar Mid Wales League side found themselves under pressure early in the second half, but Queens Park's hopes suffered a setback after being reduced to 10 men.

The home side sealed victory 12 minutes from time when Matthews announced his return when coming off the bench and cut in from the right to fire home the third goal.

Carno also came up against Cymru Alliance opposition in Gresford Athletic, but ended up well beaten 4-0 as the Latics progressed with Jack Chal getting the first with a penalty before Obi Anoruo, Jack Edwards and Owen Roberts sealed the win.

Last season's top scorer Rich Davies bagged a hat-trick as **BERRIEW** swept aside Abermule 4-0, Karl Seliaerts also finding the net.

CHIRK AAA, holders of the FAW Trophy, suffered an early exit after being edged out 1-0 at Brickfield Rangers

Llanidloes Town bowed out 2-1 at Buckley Town despite taking the lead right on half time with a fine header from Gareth Owen. Aron Williams and a late own goal won the day for Buckley. Former Swansea and Wrexham star Lee Trundle scored four times as Llanelli overcame Aberaeron 6-1.

Former Welshpool striker Jamie Breese scored twice late on as Cymru Alliance high fliers Caernarfon Town overcame a scare to storm into the second round with a 5-1 passage against Lex Glyndwr.

Meanwhile, Niall McGuinness resigned as Rhyl manager after seeing his side crash out of the JD Welsh Cup with a shock 3-2 first round defeat against Llandudno Albion at Maesdu Park.

Young Harry proving a bit hit

Coach David Butch Jones with Maelor ABC's young fighters (from left) Harry Roberts and Ethan Finney

YOUNG boxer Harry Roberts gained revenge with a fine victory over his Midlands rivals Bevan Smith as he started the season on a high note.

Fighting at Wednesbury Boxing Club in Birmingham, St Martins rookie Roberts, of Maelor ABC, was gunning for revenge against home boxer Smith in his return bout after losing on a split decision early in the year at Shrewsbury.

And he duly put the record straight when beating Smith on a unanimous points verdict after the referee gave his rival a standing count in the second.

Meanwhile, Maelor boxer Ethan Finney, of Oswestry, took on Wednesbury's Wayne Arnold. Despite boxing well in only his second bout, he suffered a narrow 2-1 decision

Four Crosses hit top spot in the league

FOUR Crosses have moved top of the Montgomeryshire League division one after maintaining their unbeaten start with a 3-0 victory over Llanfair United Reserves.

Jamie Evans, Gareth Jones and Emlyn Williams all found the net, with the Foxen Manor side just above Guilsfield reserves on goal difference. The Guils continued their good start with a 5-2 victory away to Llanfyllin Town.

Results – Division One: Bishop's Castle 5 Trewern 1, Four Crosses 3 Llanfair Res 0, Llanfyllin Town 2 Guilsfield Res 5, Llanymynech 0 Caersws Res 6, Waterloo Rovers 1 Meifod 1.

Division Two: Abermule Res v Llanrhaeadr Res (post), Churchsoke 2 Carno Res 1, Forden United v Llanfyllin Res (post), Trefonen v Llanfechain (post), Welshpool Res 1 Llangedwyn 3.

■ St Martins Village suffered their first defeat in the Sportsjam League division one when edged out 3-2 at Madeley Sports reserves.

Gobowen Celtic, looking for their first win in the premier division, earned a creditable 4-4 draw away to leaders Newport Town reserves.

Joe Pierpoint notched a long range leveller, after Ben Carter had netted an earlier brace.

Saints handed a home draw

HOLDERS The New Saints have been drawn at home to Caernarfon Town in the quarter-final of the Nathaniel MG Cup.

Last season's beaten finalists Barry Town United entertain Cardiff Met University, while Newtown visit Welsh Premier rivals Carmarthen Town.

Making up the line-up, Cymru Alliance outfit Airbus UK Broughton - who have already defeated two Welsh Premier sides in the competition - are home to Connah's Quay Nomads in the other tie.

Matches will be played on Tuesday, October 24,(7.45pm kick-off).

Four-star Guils cruise into round two

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

GUILSFIELD eased into the second round of the JD Welsh Cup after brushing aside lower league Mold Alex 4-0 at Clos Mytton.

Two first half goals from Adam Jenkins put the the Cymru Alliance hosts on course, the opener coming on five minutes and a second right on the interval.

Mold, who rarely threatened, had one big chance but the Welsh National League outfit spurned a 38th minute penalty which was well saved by keeper Lee Andrew.

The Guils held the upper hand in the second period before two goals in the closing moments from Asa Hamilton and substitute Curtis Weetman sealed a comfortable win.

Hopes of a Welsh Cup run ended for **LLANFAIR** who were downed 3-0 at Cymru Alliance Flint Town United.

They were up against it after trailing to a first half penalty from Richie Foulkes before Alan Bull and Kyle Smyth sealed their fate in the second period.

Nevertheless, they gave it their all, and manager Rhys Stephens can be pleased with the commitment and attitude shown by his team. But Flint showed a greater defensive solidity, this time around, and coupled with their attacking flair, which came to prominence in the second period, they were full value for the win.

The visitors came out of the blocks in fine style, though, with Andrew Hughes seeing a shot deflected for a corner from which Phil Hughes rose highest before missing the target with his headed effort.

Paul Griffiths then unleashed a stinging shot which was smartly saved by home keeper Nik Lee-Bulmer who spread himself well.

Flint gradually took control of the game, and were ahead on 25 minutes when James Hooper was fouled by Matthew Spencer in the box and Foulkes stepped up to convert the penalty.

Despite being on top, Flint had a couple of wake-up calls early in the second half, when a couple of miscued clearances could have led to far more serious consequences.

But Llanfair's hopes faded when they conceded a second goal on 50 minutes, when Phil Doran launched a strong run before squaring to Bull who tucked his shot into the corner of the net from six yards to open his account for the club.

Just before the hour mark, however, Flint added their third to seal their place in the second round when the visitors failed to deal with Hooper's cross and Smyth ran in to smash the loose ball home.

Town edged out after epic away day trip

FC Oswestry Town continue to prop up the Hallmark North West Counties League division one table after suffering a slender 2-1 loss at Carlisle City.

Town battled hard in one of their longest trips of the season, but returned home empty handed as they slipped to a 10th defeat in 11 outings to stay two points adrift at the foot of the table.

Two goals from Robert McCartney on 24 and 59 minutes gave Carlisle the edge after Town had more than held their own.

The visitors carved several chances, before substitute Lee Jones gave them hope with a terrific strike 13 minutes from time.

"When we were 2-0 down, the lads showed great character to pull a goal back, and with that spirit, we know the results will come," said joint boss Ryan Butcher.

Town were again left to rue missed opportunities, carving several good early openings with Jack Harris denied by a couple of good saves, while Jacob Farleigh also went close and Tse Yue produced another excellent effort.

Busy week

But they fell behind when losing possession from their throw-in, with Carlisle breaking and McCartney tapping home.

The Cumbrian hosts started the second half the brighter, and added a second through McCartney, but Town were up for the fight.

Sub Jones reduced the arrears with a half volley form the edge of the box, but the visitors could not find a way back against their streetwise hosts.

It is a busy week for the Oswestry side who visit Sandbach in the first division cup on Wednesday, and are on the road again on Saturday when they head to Derbyshire to take on New Mills in the league.

Short nets tennis title at club's finals day

MARTIN Short was crowned men's singles champion as Oswestry Tennis Club held their club finals day and annual trophy presentation day.

Although the weather forecast predicted heavy rain and high winds, it turned out much better than expected with the day starting with a buffet lunch which was attended by many club players and their families who had come along to support the competitors.

The men's singles final was played between Gilbert Woolley, and one of the club's newest male members, Martin Shortt. Games went with serve to four all in the first set before Shortt managed to edge ahead to take it 6-4.

In the second set, Shortt took an early lead but faltered when serving for the match, finding it difficult to get over the winning line before eventually winning it 6-3.

The mixed handicap final then took place between junior member Daniel Edwards and his partner, the experienced Denise Chetwood, playing against the established league pairing of Brett Hollywell and Clare Hann.

It took a while for both pairs to settle down, but they all soon got into their stride with Daniel and Denise coming out the victors in straight sets.

The monthly trophy winners were also awarded with their trophies. For April, junior members Emily Lowe and partner Daniel Edwards, while for May, Emily again prevailed with partner Gilbert Woolley.

The June winners were the father and daughter combo of Gary Edwards and Ellie Edwards, and the July winners were Gary Edwards and Carol Slater.

It was a triumphant season for the Edwards family with them taking away four trophies between them.

Oswestry captain Andy Smith directs the defence in the close defeat to Liverpool with the referee in close proximity. ■ *Picture: Martin Ord.*

Eagles push league leaders all the way

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY gave early leaders Liverpool Collegiate a real battle before being edged out 20-16 in an exciting South Lancs and Cheshire Two clash at Granville Park.

The Merseysiders had swept all before them this season in storming to the top of the table with several high scoring victories, but had to dig deep to maintain their winning record.

Looking for their first home win of the season, the Eagles found themselves trailing 7-0 after just two minutes when a kick through was chased by the Liverpool winger who touched down for a converted score.

But thoughts of a landslide victory were soon dispelled as Oswestry stormed forward in response with Luca Owen-Youens, Andy Merritt, Fletcher Owen Youens and Guy Howell all making ground.

Big hitting tackling went in from the Oswestry players and the ball was fed back to Gareth Ellis who went on a run towards the Liverpool line.

The hosts were now practically camped in the Liverpool half and their pressure earned a penalty that Luca Owen-Youens kicked to reduce the arrears.

Liverpool showed their class to gain good ground from the restart and win a penalty which they kicked to lead 10-3.

After a quarter of an hour, play was suspended due to a Liverpool player suffering a serious ankle injury that subsequently required an ambulance to take the player to hospital.

After a lengthy delay, the action resumed with a scrum being awarded to Liverpool who managed to kick the ball near to half way line to relieve the pressure.

Penalty

Heavy tackling continued but the Eagles were unable to convert their efforts into points with a penalty being missed.

Liverpool regrouped and showed their pace as their winger ran in another excellent try to extend the lead to 15-3, the conversion missed.

At the restart, Oswestry stole more ground with the Italian trio of Marco Bercioh, Nickola Nikolov and Fabrizio Gaito all getting in on the act. Nick Clay produced a fine pass that eventually found Luca Owen-Youens who who powered over for an unconverted score to reduce the deficit to 15-8.

Fabrizio Gaito had to retire hurt with a neck injury and was replaced by Oliver Duare who was making his debut for Oswestry. With rain falling in the second half, conditions became increasingly slippery with Liverpool quicker off the mark to run in a third try to lead 20-11.

Oswestry were up for the fight, though, and the relentless efforts paid dividends with Owen-Youens crossing for his second try but was unable to make the conversion.

Andrew Smith was yellow carded for an infringement but the 14 men continued to battle all the way with 100 per cent commitment, but a decisive score proved elusive.

The league has no fixtures Saturday, but Oswestry face a difficult home fixture against Veseyans from the West Midlands in the first round of the North Mids Shield (3pm).

Meanwhile, **OSWESTRY II** crashed 58-7 at Whitchurch III to remain in the lower reaches of the North West League division four (south).

COBRA bowled over with win

COBRA full-back Richard Jones cuts through the Llanidloes defence before diving over to score

COBRA continued their winning ways by progressing to the third round of the WRU Bowl with a 30-18 passage at home to Powys rivals Llanidloes.

Both sides had gone into the encounter in unbeaten form, but the Meifod side maintained their perfect start to the season to make it five straight victories - three in the league and two in the cup.

But that record could be put to the test on Saturday when they return to Welsh League division two (north) duty away to Wrexham who ran out shock 43-10 winners against high riding Denbigh in the Bowl last weekend.

COBRA can take heart form another solid display against Llanidloes, although the final scoreline did not reflect their efforts after dominating much of the first half.

The Llanfair hosts were soon in on the attack with Ieuan Williams making a break down the wing before being tackled five yards out. The ball was quickly recycled and scrum half Bryn Davies nipped over under the posts, with Will Worthington providing the conversion.

Worthington then added a penalty to extend the margin, but Llanidloes caught their hosts napping with a quick tap penalty before Paul Jehu kicked over for the wing Carwyn Williams to touch down for an unconverted try.

Another Worthington penalty made it 13-5, but the visitors reduced the deficit to just one point following an interception try from Jehu which was converted from under the posts by Adam Price.

Undaunted, COBRA continued to threaten, with fullback Richard Jones grabbing their second try when cutting through the defence to touch down under the posts with as 30-yard run, Worthington adding the extras.

Another penalty made it 23-12, before Llani hit back with a penalty themselves on the stroke of half time through Price to stay in the hunt.

The second half became a stalemate with COBRA unable to maintain their earlier momentum, and their lead was reduced further with another penalty from Price who also missed a couple of other kicks at goal,

But the home side wrapped up the win in the closing moments when the ball was spun out to fullback Jones who crossed for his second try under the posts converted by Worthington.

WELSHPOOL, who had no game last weekend, resume duties in the Welsh League division two (north) with a trip to Rhyl on Saturday. They will be looking to build on their first win of the season against Llangollen the week before.

■ After two victories, COBRA's youngsters suffered their first loss when a depleted side went down 29-5 at home to Wrexham in the North East Wales youth division.

Ellesmere Triathlon will return next year

A major sporting event is back on the calendar with new organisers and new distances.

The Shropshire Triathlon in and around Ellesmere had been one of the county's more popular participation events attracting up to 1,000 entrants from across the country.

Shropshire Council, which had organised the event for several years, pulled out because of financial cutbacks and following the 2016 event race director, Alan Penton stepped down and this year saw the race cancelled.

Now a new organiser, UK Triathlon, has taken over the reigns for the 2018 Shropshire Triathlon on September 16.

The triathlon will be based in the Cremorne Gardens and will include open water swimming in the mere.

Alan Rowen, the event's cycling director, said: "The event will be expanded to cover more races to cater for everyone over the age of 16."

Traditionally the Ellesmere triathlon was the middle distance race with competitors swimming 1,500 metres, cycling 40 kilometres then running 10 kilometres.

Over the years it was chosen as a world and European qualifier.

In 2015 organiser added a sprint, half distance, triathlon.

For next year's triathlon there will also be a middle distance - double the standard - race, a super sprint and a fun distance as well as relays.

Vic Bickerton , UK Triathlon Event Director, said "I competed twice in the Shropshire Triathlon in the early days of the race (once when it was the National Championships) and it is where my great interest in Triathlon started. I have also assisted the commentator twice so I feel really welcomed

Power wins to set up a title decider

BEN Power kept alive his title chances with another race victory in the MRF National Legends Car Championship at the Rockingham circuit in Northamptonshire.

The Guilsfield racing driver stayed hard on the heels of leader John Mickel to set up a final-round decider at Brands Hatch next month with his 14th win of the season. He also boosted his points tally with several high-place finishes in other races.

The 27-year-old also overcame some setbacks - he avoided an accident in race one and had to fight back from last to 11th, while a bad tyre choice in Sunday's second race saw him finish ninth.

"It was a very mixed weekend," said Power. "The main thing is the title race is still wide open and it will be decided at Brands Hatch – a great venue for the grand finale."

The final round takes place on November 4-5, with Mickel leading the standings on 6915 points and Power on 6705 points.

Meanwhile, the some of the top names in rally driving will be revving up for the Dayinsure Wales Rally GB, which will take in Montgomeryshire later this month.

A record number of entries from around the world will be taking part in the UK's date on the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) calendar from October 26-29.

It includes a world-class field of 77 International cars representing 22 nations lining up to compete against the clock on the 21 gruelling special stages, all but two of which are set in the Welsh forests.

It's the biggest international field since the rally moved to a new base in North Wales in 2013, and is topped by no fewer than 14 of the new-era, more powerful WRC cars.

Pool grandad Nick looking at comeback

NICK Larder, a 61-year-old grandfather, is returning from injury and is set to play for Welshpool rugby club's second team this season.

The former club chairman said he could not imagine life without playing sport at the weekend.

"I just love it," he said. "I've always played a team sport and I really don't know what to do on a Saturday unless there is some sort of team sport."

Larder said he hopes to carry on playing "for another couple of years"

But what about the big hits, the bone crunching tackles? They are not easy for a 21-year-old to take, never mind a 61-year-old.

"I was very pleased last year," he added. "We played in a bit of a friendly game but I did get one very big hit and I was actually very pleased because it showed to me that I can still take it, so that's permission to carry on for another couple of years."

Shropshire golf returns

OSWESTRY

Ladies' EG Medal Silver Division: Jane Jones 92-18-74; Tania Pearce 80-04-76; Di Hall 96-19-77. Bronze Division: Erica Moss 102-29-73; Margaret Green 101-22-79; Alma Barker 109-29-80. Upper Bronze Division: Judy Foster 114-35-79; Brenda Wilson 111-30-81; Eira Jones 114-30-84.

SHREWSBURY

Ladies' 18 Hole Medal Division 1: Marie O'Sullivan 93–16=77 (ocb); Hilary Fowles 89–12=77; Jayne Breeze 95–17=78 (ocb); Mo Griffeths 95–17=78. Division 2: Jacqui Austin 97–24=73; Annie Home-Dodd 99–23= 76; Sandra Haw 103–23=80; Paula Lucas 105–23=82.

THE BROW

October Monthly Medal Winner: Terry Brough 78–18=60.

Best Gross: Peter Morris 80. Division 1: Mike Clark 81-10=71. Division 2: John Youens 89-19=70.

Guils braced for test with high-fliers

GUILSFIELD boss Nathan Leonard admits his side need to adopt a ruthless streak as they prepare for Saturday's home showdown with Cymru Alliance high-fliers Caernarfon Town (2.30).

"It's always a tough game, they were the side I tipped to win the league at the start of the season," he said.

"We need to be ruthless. We won't get many chances, but when they come along, we need to take them.

"We have the ability to surprise them on our day, but we need to be at the top of our game."

After a slow start to the season, Caernarfon have hit form with one defeat in their nine outings, while scoring 36 goals.

The Guils were comfortable 4-0 winners over Mold Alex last weekend to progress to the second round of the Welsh Cup.

"All in all, it was a solid, controlled performance, but we had enough chances to have put the game to bed a lot earlier," added Leonard.

Robbie James is now back after injury, but the Guils have suffered a blow with striker Iwan Matthews, after a short spell at Clos Mytton, returning to Spar Mid Wales League side Llanrhaeadr where he was top scorer for the last two

Town make double swoop for strikers

FC Oswestry Town have brought in two new strikers as they bid to revive their fortunes in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

Town are currently languishing at the foot of the table after their 2-1 loss at Carlisle City - their 10th defeat in 11 league outings.

But they have bolstered their firepower by bringing Chris Bishop back to the club while Gary Meredith has also signed.

Joint boss Ryan Butcher believes fortunes will pick up if the side continue to maintain their work ethic.

"When we were 2-0 down, the lads showed great character, and with that spirit, we know the results will come.

"We've been close in the majority of games, but not taken our chances, which has been the big difference.

Airgun league is back – and firing

THE opening salvos have have been fired in the Montgomeryshire and District Airgun League as local hot shots target another successful season.

Match of the week saw Castle Caereinion beat a hard-fighting Crew Green B by just 0.1 point, 199.5 to 199.4.

Guilsfield A overcame Newtown 199.4-195.4, Arddleen outshot Forden 205.5 points to 189.5, Churchstoke overcame Guilsfield B 204.8-189.9 and Crew Green A beat Llanfair Caereinion,196.8-192.0.

COBRA in high-five start to season

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

COBRA put their winning streak to the test in Saturday's visit to Wrexham in the Welsh League division two (north).

The Meifod side made it five victories on the bounce when progressing to the third round of the WRU Bowl with a 30-18 passage at home to Powys rivals Llanidloes.

Both sides had gone into the encounter in unbeaten form, but it was COBRA who maintained their perfect start that has seen three wins in the league and two in the cup.

But that record will be put to the test on Saturday when they return to league duty at Wrexham who ran out shock 43-10 winners against high riding Denbigh in the Bowl last weekend.

WELSHPOOL, who had no game, resume duties in the Welsh League division two (north) with a trip to Rhyl on Saturday. The Maesydre men will be looking to build on their first win of the season against Llangollen the week before.

After their valiant 20-16 loss to unbeaten high fliers Liverpool Collegiate last weekend, **OSWESTRY** take a break from the South Lancs and Cheshire Two on Saturday.

The North Mids Shield action takes centre stage with the Eagles facing a tricky first round fixture against West Midlands visitors Veseyans (3pm) as they chase their first home win of the season. They return to league duty the following week away to lowly Oldershaw.

TNS HELD BY TITLE RIVALS

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

AFTER missing a chance of reclaiming pole position in midweek, The New Saints will look to rediscover their ruthless streak when they host Prestatyn Town in the JD Welsh Premier on Saturday (2.30pm).

The Seasiders have lost their 10 previous visits to Park Hall, and the Saints will be keen to make it another barren trip this weekend after being held 2-2 at one of their chief rivals, Connah's Quay Nomads, on Tuesday night.

Despite two first half goals from Greg Draper – who took his tally to six in the last three games – the defending champions were twice pegged back to remain second in the table, one point behind leaders Bangor City.

"The way we've been playing, and scoring goals. I felt it was a chance to put some daylight between us and them, but in the end a point was not a bad thing," said manager Scott Ruscoe.

"We dealt with their set plays, but in the end a couple of individual errors cost us.

"But we go again on Saturday which will be another tough game as Prestatyn, like all teams who come to TNS, will be looking to knock us off our perch."

■ TNS have been handed a third consecutive home tie in the IRN-BRU Cup after being paired with Queen of the South in the quarter-finals.

The Doonhamers, currently lying fifth in the Scottish Championship and a previous winner of the cup, will make the 400-mile round trip from Dumfries to Park Hall on the weekend of November 11/12.

■ TNS Ladies have been drawn away to Bedworth United Ladies in the first round proper of the SSE FA Womens Cup, the tie to be played on Sunday, November 12.

■ Scott Ruscoe was named manager of the month for September after the Saints notched three wins and a draw during the month, scoring 10 goals and conceding none.

Pool look for flier on Friday

Llansantffraid Village celebrate a goal at Brecon Northcote's The Depot. Pic: Stuart Townsend.

HIGH-FLIERS Welshpool Town bid to complete a quickfire double when they host Machynlleth in the first round of the Spar Mid Wales League Cup on Friday night.

The Lilywhites will be in confident mood after thrashing their visitors 7-0 last weekend to move top of the league, with Ricky Litchfield and Ian Probert firing a hat-trick apiece.

Llansantffraid Village are also in cup action on Friday with a home tie against Churchstoke.

On Saturday, holders Berriew - who defeated Llanrhaeadr in last season's final - start their defence of the trophy at home to Dyffryn Banw.

Elsewhere, Kerry bid to get back on track away to Abermule and Montgomery welcome Carno. There is a big game in division one with Llanrhaeadr at home to Llanfair United, with both sides expected to be in the title mix.

While Llanrhaeadr progressed in the Welsh Cup last weekend, Llanfair went out 3-0 at Flint Town United.

"We worked hard, created some chance, but were beaten by a better side," admitted Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens.

Llanrhaeadr at Caersws for cup test

IN-FORM Llanrhaeadr set their sights on another upset in the JD Welsh Cup after being paired away to Powys rivals Caersws in next month's second round.

Having disposed of Wrexham side Queens Park 3-0 in the previous round, the Spar Mid Wales League division one title-chasers will be in confident mood for another tie against Huws Gray Cymru Alliance opposition.

They are no strangers to cup runs, having reached the quarter-finals of the prestigious cup a few seasons back, and will believe that have a realistic chance against their Powys rivals when sides meet on Saturday, November 4.

Caersws currently lie in the basement regions of the Cymru Alliance after a modest start to the season that has seen them pick up just two wins from eight league outings,

"We would have liked to be on our own pitch, but we're playing well and fear nobody," said Llanrhaeadr chairman Mel Roberts.

GUILSFIELD, who swept aside Mold Alex 4-0 thanks to two early goals from Adam Jenkins, face a tougher prospect when they head to Cymru Alliance rivals Holywell Town if they are to keep their flag flying.

Having reached the quarter-finals last season, it will be a tough draw for the villagers who will dearly like to maintain their interest in the competition to boost the club's coffers.

A glance at the league table indicates a closely fought tussle with Holywell lying third, with one defeat in nine league outings, while the Guils are two points and three places below after losing twice in eight games.

BERRIEW are also on the road and face a daunting trip to the North Wales coast where they will take on free scoring Cymru Alliance leaders Caernarfon Town.

Reflecting on his side's second round draw, manager Dave Jones said: "It does not get any harder than that.

Anderson off to Oz for Games in 2018

ELLESMERE TITANS swimmer Freya Anderson is among the first 15 athletes selected to represent England at April's Commonwealth Games in Australia.

Her Titans team-mate Cassie Wild has also been named as part of Scotland's aquatics squad. Anderson was promoted to the senior British swimming team for the World Championships after winning her debut British title this year. She also became World Junior champion in the 100m freestyle.

Olympic champion Adam Peaty is the headline name in the party, although further swimmers will be selected following December's trials.

Olympic medal winners Siobhan O'Connor and James Guy are also among the 15 swimmers for the Games, which take place on the Gold Coast from April 4 to 13, 2018.

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